WEATHER.

Fair Saturday, continued cold; Sunday fair, warmer.

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CHRISTMAS shopping should be done this week while stocks are complete, clerks have time and the buyer avoids haste.

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NO MEDIATION OFFER TO ACCOMPANY NOTES OF CENTRAL POWERS

President Wilson Has Not Decided as to Whether Such Action Will be Taken Later

MAY BE DELIVERED TODAY

Slight Difference in Phraseology in Three Teutonic Notes is Cause of Delay

THIS WILL BE CORRECTED

Cabinet Holds Most Prolonged Session of the Year

Washington, Dec. 15.—President Wilson has decided that the notes of the Central Powers proposing a discussion of peace to the Entente Allies will be sent forward by the American government acting as intermediary without any accompanying mediation offer of its own. He has not determined whether any action in behalf of peace will be taken later by the United States on its own account, but is holding himself in readiness to serve in any way possible toward bringing the warring nations together.

Probably Be Cabled Today

The course to be pursued was made known tonight after the President had conferred with Secretary Lansing, and after a prolonged cabinet meeting it was stated that the delay inforwarding the notes to the Entente capitals was due to the fact that the messages received from Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey, identical in substance differed slightly in phraseology as a result of different translations. They probably will be put on the cable tomorrow.

Since the first note arrived, the one from Germany, the President and his closest advisers have been absorbed in study of the situation. The Austrian note followed, and the one from Turkey came late today. Those from Germany and Austria have been gone over carefully by the President and Secretary Lansing to make certain of their meaning and so that they may be sure to represent properly the intent of the Central Powers.

Prolonged Cabinet Meeting

The fact that the cabinet meeting today lasted more than three hours and was the most prolonged of the year, attracted profound attention in official circles and led to all sorts of speculation. It was explained authoritatively, later, however, that the meeting was devoted largely to consideration of departmental matters, and had been prolonged because it was the first time since the campaign that all the members had been present.

In other quarters than the White House it was learned that some word indicating the official attitude of the Entente Allies toward the peace- proposal is being awaited with the deepest interest by the American government. The President will not consider injecting the United States into the situation until he is thoroughly familiar with all its phases.

Notes Slightly at Variance

Secretary Lansing, explaining the delay in transmitting the communications of the Central Powers, pointed out that the German note was translated into English by Charge Grew at Berlin and the one from Austria by Ambassador Penfield, at Vienna, while the Turkish note came to the State Department in French. As the communications were intended to be identical, the State Department does not desire to transmit three different versions, and when all three are in hand tomorrow a plan to avoid this will be determined upon.

To Deliver Separate Notes

In England, France and Japan this government represents all three Teutonic countries and will therefore have to deliver three separate notes. In Russia and Serbia the United States represents both Austria and Germany and will have to send two separate notes. Only to Belgium, where Austria is represented, and in Rumania, where Germany is represented, will it be possible to send only one note.

Switzerland's action in handing the German note to Italy without comment as announced through the Italian parliament by foreign Minister Sonnino was noted here with interest.

Definite indication of the attitude of the Entente Allies is expected in the speech of David-George, the British prime minister, next Tuesday.

Meanwhile the authorized statement of the German embassy that partial disarmament will be one of the subjects taken up at any peace conference was discussed generally in official and diplomatic circles with speculation as to how far in this direction Germany might be willing to go.

Diplomacy Stopped Temporarily

American diplomacy in the various questions relating to the war may be said to have stopped short, temporarily, with the announcement of the Teutonic offer to talk peace. The submarine issue, the Belgian deportations and all the pending questions with England are also dormant.

Peace has been given the right of

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WOULD BAR LIQUOR 'ADS' FROM MAILS

Bill Introduced in the House is Favorably Reported by the Postoffice Committee

WEBB WANTS EARLY ACTION

Will Ask for Special Rule to Get Federal Amendment Bill Before the House Soon After the Holiday Recess

Washington, Dec. 15.—Legislative measures aimed at destruction of the liquor traffic continues to accummulate in Congress as both houses are deluged with petitions from all parts of the country urging adoption of Nation-wide prohibition constitutional amendment and passage of other anti-liquor measures, including the Sheppard bill to prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor in the District of Columbia.

The House Postoffice committee opened the door to another phase of the problem today in reporting favorably a bill designed to close the mails absolutely to advertising of any intoxicating liquors and to deny mail order houses the right to go into either "wet or dry" territory to solicit sales throug the medium of the mails.

No move was made during the day by prohibition leaders in the House regarding the constitutional amendment reported yesterday from the Judiciary committee, but Representative Webb, chairman of the committee, plans to ask the Rules committee for a special rule to get the resolution before the House soon after the holidays. The consensus of opinion in the House seemed to be that the resolution cannot get the necessary two-thirds majority in the 64th Congress.

Even Representative Webb is not sanguine of success now, but he is confident that the amendment will receive more votes than it did in the last Congress when it had 13 votes more than a majority. By the time the next Congress has considered the issue he belives the victory can be won.

The District of Columbia Prohibition bill was under consideration for several hours in the Senate today. Debate on the measure and the Underwood amendment to provide for a referendum on the issue to the voters of the district will be resumed tomorrow.

Senator Smoot, of Utah, declaring that the Sheppard bill is a makeshift, submitted a substitute today which would not only prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor in the capital but also prevent its importation for personal use.

HAS BEARING ON SUIT AGAINST N. CAROLINA

Important Bill Introduced by Congressman Dillon

Would Govern Procedure Where One State Sues Another—Fayetteville to Have Hearing in Washington Today.

(Special Star Telegram).

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Representative Charles H. Dillon, of South Dakota, today introduced a bill in the House which if passed would prevent or rather govern the procedure where one state seeks to maintain an original action against another state in the Supreme Court of the United States. The bill has direct bearing on the pending suit which the republic of Cuba has brought against North Carolina to recover certain repudiated State bonds. The bill reads:

"That in all cases where one state seeks to maintain an original action against another state in the Supreme court of the United States upon any obligation or dispute which does not arise directly between such states, but does arise between the defendant state and some individual or corporation that has transferred such right or obligation to the complaining state, such transferee must show ,in order to maintain such suit, that it became such owner by transfer in good faith for full value before maturity in the usual course without any notice of the dishonor of such obligation."

Representative Godwin today appointed J. M. Fuquay postmaster at Lillington. The former postmaster resigned to go into other business, according to the report reaching the department.

Fayetteville Hearing Today

Mr. Godwin and the entire delegation in Congress, including Senators Simmons and Overman, will confer with Secretary of the Navy Daniels tomorrow for the purpose of presenting the claims of Fayetteville as a location for the government's $11,000,000 armor

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NEW FRENCH TRACTOR FOR DIGGING TRENCHES

This cut is a rear view of the tractor showing huge scoops which remove dirt, and other parts of the mechanism which does the work of scores of men. The new army tractor is built on a larger scale than any seen in common use in this country for building foundations. It suggests the giant farm tractors which uproot miles and miles of ground on the great prairie farms of the western United States. The earth and rock removed by the scoops is thrown up on the sides making admirable breastworks.

BITTERLY CONDEMN BELGIAN 'SLAVERY'

Vigorous Expressions of Indignation are Voiced at Mass Meeting in New York

LETTERS FROM NOTED MEN

Resolutions Are Adopted Promising Support to Government in Protesting to Germany With All Its Force.

New York, Dec. 15.—Vigorous expressions of indignation were voiced at a mass meeting held here tonight to protest against the "enslavement of Belgians" by the German government. The deportation of the Belgians was condemned in letters read from Theodore Roosevelt, Archbishop Ireland, J. T. Choate and Bishop Thomas O'Gorman, of Sioux Falls. Equally forceful were addresses delivered by Elihu Root, James M. Beck, former assistant attorney general of the United States; Alton B. Parker and the Rev. William T. Manning, rector of Trinity church, who presided.

Resolutions were adopted urging the government of the United States to protest with all its force and detestation with which the American people regard these abuses, and to request the German government in the name of all neutrals to cease its policy of expatriation and slavery, and pledging "our utmost" support to the administration in whatever way it may conclude to act."

"The meeting in New York in protest of deporting Belgians," Archbishop Ireland wrote, "receives a cordial and sympathetic re-echo from Americans elsewhere on the continent. The meeting speaks in the name of primary duties of justice and humanity.

"Cardinal Mercier tells the details of Belgian deportation. The truth of his statements may not be doubted. The facts as told by him challenge contradiction. They affright the hearer. No explanation, no excuse, diminishes the awful cruelty implied in them."

"We have not come here to speak the language of hate," Dr. Manning said. "We do not condemn indiscriminately the whole German people. We know that they have been misinformed, misled and cruelly betrayed by those in whom they have trusted. We believed that there are many Germans who condemn these infamous deeds as strongly as any of us do. We hope yet to see them free themselves from the power of autocratic and unscrupulous leaders who have robbed Germany of her high place among the nations and carried her into crimes which have shocked and amazed th world."

"We are met tonight to protest in the sacred cause of justice and humanity against the most damnable infamy of modern times," Mr. Beck said. "We represent citizens of all parties, creeds and classes. Whatever our differences of opinion may be or may have been in other matters we are a unit tonight in pledging to our government our support in any attempt which it may make to end the slow murder of a great, a noble and an innocent people."

FLOUR HAS DECLINED $1.50 PER BARREL IN MINNEAPOLIS

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 15.—Best grades of flour dropped 25 cents a barrel today. First patents were quoted at $9.00, or $1.50 a barrel below the high mark touched a month ago.

BRITAIN TO AWAIT THE OFFICIAL TEXT

Arthur Henderson Says Germany's Proposals Must be Examined With Great Care

SEE IF THEY ARE SINCERE

Says England Is Prepared to Accept Peace if Conditions are in Accord With the Policy of the Entente Powers

London, Dec. 15.—In discussing the German proposals at a dinner of the Steel Smelters Association tonight, Arthur Henderson, member of the British war council without portfolio, said that the government knew nothing concerning the text of the proposals and that Germany's motives must remain a matter of speculation for the moment.

"From past and recent events," Mr. Henderson, said, "we may anticipate without over-assumption that any proposals Germany may put forward not err on side of magnanimity They must be examined with the greatest possible care.

"We, of all people, must not forget that Germany was prepared for peace with this country as late as August, 1914. But on what conditions? That we were prepared to betray France and acquiesce in the violation of the neutrality of Belgium which Germany, like

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MAY SETTLE RAILROAD DISPUTE OUT OF COURT

W. G. Lee Tells of Negotiations Now Under Way

Should They Succeed, the Entire Controversy Would be Disposed of Before the Adamson Law Goes Into Effect.

Evansville, Ind., Dec. 15.—W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, announced here today that negotiations are under way between the brotherhood and the operating departments of the railroads looking to a settlement of the entire controversy out of court before January 1 when the Adamson law is scheduled to go into effect.

Mr. Lee made the statement in the course of an address before the Central States Conference on Water and Rail Transportation which closed its session here tonight. He declared that both sides to the controversy are carefully considering plans for settling the entire question before January 1 but that the settlement was still in a crude state.

"I know I am not betraying confidence," he said, "when I say some of the very best brains high up in the

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MAKES OVERTURES TO UNITED STATES

Villa Would Spare American Lives and Property if Our Army Will Let Him Alone

PLEDGES MADE BY FRIENDS

Bandit Chief Would Cease Depredations If Unmolested in Military Operations in Mexico—Sends Courier to Border

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 15.—A Mexican courier reached the border today from Francisco Villa's camp at Creel, 50 miles west of Minaca in the Guerro district of Chihuahua with proposals for the United States government that Villa would refrain from the further destruction of foreign life and property in Mexico on condition that the United States would not interfere in any way with his campaign against the Carranza government.

This was officially announced late today by a high representative of the government here after Villa's proposal had been forwarded to Washington by telegraph.

Villa also offered to protect all foreigners and their property from the raids of irresponsible bandits, it was stated. This proposal included all Americans in Mexico, it was added.

At the camp where Villa had left his wounded in the Guerro district a number of Carranza wounded were also being treated by Villa's surgeons after they had promised to join the Villa army, the Mexican's report to the government's agents stated. Villa had 8,000 well armed men, and 3,000 rifles in reserve, the courier reported, and also a number of artillery pieces with him and a supply of shells for these pieces.

From sources here known to friendly to Villa it was learned today that Villa was anxious to put himself in a better light with the United States' government and it was said to account for the fact that no Americans or other foreigners other than Chinese and Arabs were killed in Chihuahua City during the five days Villa was in control.

UNION COUNTY WINS BANNER FOR BIGGEST DEMOCRATIC GAINS

Increase of 59.97 Per Cent—87 Counties Made Gains

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 15.—Union county wins the silk banner offered by the Democratic State executive committee to the county making the greatest percentage of gains in its Democratic vote for governor over the vote for the same officer four years ago, it is announced by Chairman T. D. Warren. The Democrats of Union increased their vote 59.97 per cent. The Democrats made gains in 87 counties and the Republicans in 13, the latter, in reverse order of the percentage of the gains, being: Brunswick, Pamlico, Swain, Robeson, Pender, Wilkes, arteret, Randolph, Craven, Perquimans, Bertie, Northampton, and Chowan.

WM. C. NIXON DEAD

Was President of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 15.—William C. Nixon, president of the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad, died here late this afternoon. Mr. Nixon had been in poor health for some time and for the last two weeks had been in a critical condition. Death was due to heart failure. He was 58 years old.

FRENCH IN ATTACK IN VERDUN REGION TAKE OVER 7,500 PRISONERS

WHEAT DROPS OVER 13 CENTS A BUSHEL

German Suggestion of Limited Universal Disarmament Causes Frantic Stampede

BIG SLUMP ALSO IN STOCKS

Violent Declines in Leading Speculative Shares, With Loss of 47 1-2 Points in Bethlehem Steel Bethlem Rallies

Chicago, Dec. 15.—In a frantic stamped today wheat prices were trampled down 13 1-8 cents a bushels. The prime reason for the break was a German official suggestion of limited but universal disarmanent.

Initial downturns in wheat, although sensational, did not exceed 9 1-8 a bushel, whereas the final few minutes of business witnessed the last of a series of additional smashes that carried the market just four a bushel still lower. Stock market weakness and reports that leading neutrals especially the United States were giving indications of readiness to assist in a stoppage of the war tended materially to keep the wheat market headed most of the time for lower and lower levels.

Estimates from Washington that the 1916 yield of wheat in the United States was 32,000,000 bushels more than was generally supposed did a good deal to discourage bulls yet further in the last part of the session. Fluctuations, nevertheless, continued to depend in the main on the chances of peace and there was a tumultuous close with May at 154 to 155 1-2 and July at 131 3-4 to 131 1-2—10 1-4 to 12 5-8 cents loss as compared with 24 hours before.

BETHLEHEM STEEL DECLINES AS MUCH AS 47 1-2 POINTS

New York, Dec. 15.—Violent declines of 5 to 10 points in leading speculative shares and as much as 47 1-2 for Bethlehem Steel, most distinguished of the "war brides," with belated rallies of half or more, attended today's turbulent session on the stock exchange.

It was the third day of liquidation and in all respects the most severe, establishing minimums for many months. Selling was again largely enforced, and to that extent somewhat indiscriminate with further material assistance from an emboldened short interest, flushed with its success of the three preceding days. Soft spots were again discovered in the war group and related issues.

United States Steel, which register-

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CONDITION OF STATE TREASURY IS SHOWN

Legislative Committee Signs Report on Financial Status

Balance in General Fund is $220,921, Not Including Balance in Education Fund of $3,681—Books in Offices Audited.

(Special Star Telegram).

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 15.—Affixing their signatures to their endorsement on the books of the State Treasury, as found in order and correct, the Legislative committee for the examination of the books and vouchers of the Treasury and the State Auditor, made the following entry this evening, showing status of the State finances at the close of this fiscal year:

Balance general fund, last year $130,008; receipts to December 1, this year, $4,970,878; total receipts, $5,100,-887; disbursements, $4,879,965; balance December 1, $220,921.

Board of Education fund, total receipts $126,343; disbursements $122,662; balance, $3,681; grand total, all funds in the Treasury, $224,602.

The committee report is signed by Chairman Laughinghouse, of Pitt; Representative Greer, of Iredell; Senator Thompson, of Iredell. Representative Harry Stubbs and Senator Faircloth are absent.

Four Expert Accountants.

The legislative committee for the semi-annual examination of the books and vouchers of the State Treasury, the State Auditor, insurance and other departments of State, has had four expert accountants at work on the books of the Treasury and the State auditing departments for several days. It is the regular time for the examinations. Heretofore it has been the practice of the committees to do this work in person, but the task has come to be such a big one and requires so exactingly the service of experts that the calling in of experienced accountants is

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Troops of German Crown Prince Forced Back Over Distance of Almost Two Miles

NUMEROUS GUNS CAPTURED

Attacks Were Made Along Front of About Six Miles—Berlin Admits Losses

TEUTONS CAPTURE BUZEU

Austro-Germans and Bulgars Begin Offensive in Dobrudja

French troops again have made an effective thrust in the Verdun region.

Striking at the German positions between the Meuse and Woevre rivers, north of Douaumont and north-northeast of the fortress along a front of about six miles, the French forced back the soldiers of the German crown prince for a distance of almost two miles. More than 7,500 prisoners and numerous guns were taken from the Germans, Paris announces.

In its latest official communication, the German war office admitted that "advantages" had been obtained in this region by the attackers.

Austro-Germans Take Buzeu.

Buzeu, an important railway center northeast of Bucharest, and an excellent base from which to begin operations in Moldavia, has been captured by the Austro-Germans. The retreating Russians and Rumanians are reported to be burning villages behind them. Four thousand additional prisoners have been taken by Field Marshal von Mackensen's army.

Simultaneously with the taking of Buzeu the Austro-German Danube army and the Bulgarians have begun an offensive in Dobrudja. The Russians and Rumanians, Berlin states, have evacuated their positions under the pressure exerted by the advance in Great Wallachia.

British troops have taken the offensive near Kut-El-Amara in Mesopotamia and Turkish positions on the right bank of the Hai river, south of Kut-El-Amara, have been taken, London announces. At one place the British are within two and a half miles of Kut-El-Amara.

The Greek government has accepted the demands of the Entente Allies contained in an untimatum presented to the Athens government Thursday, it is said unofficially. Greek troops are to be withdrawn from Thessaly and only a certain number are to be stationed in the Peloponneseus, it is said.

BERLIN ADMITS GAINS BY FRENCH IN VERDUN REGION

Berlin, Dec. 15, (via Sayville).—French attacks delivered today on the east bank of the Meuse in the Verdun region resulted in a gain of ground for them toward Louvemont and Hardaumont, the war office announced in today's supplementary statement. The engagement has not yet been concluded. The Russo-Rumanian army in Dobrudja, influenced by the retirement in Wallachia, has now begun a retreat, pursued by the Teutonic forces, the statement adds. The official statement reads:

"On the Somme there has been little fighting activity.

"On the east bank of the Meuse since this morning strong attacks by the French have been in progress in which the enemy obtained advantages in the direction of Louvemont and Hardaumont. The fighting has not yet been terminated.

"Our Dodrudja army is pursuing the enemy, who, under the influence of our rapid advance in Great Wallachia last night evacuated his positions.

"On the Macedonian front there is calm."

MILDER WEATHER SUNDAY

Cold Wave in South Atlantic States Will Last Through Today

Washington, Dec. 15.—Cold weather will continue in the South Atlantic States on Saturday, according to the Weather Bureau forecast tonight, but Sunday is expected to bring slightly milder temperatures.

The atmospheric disturbance that was over southwest Alabama last Tuesday night has moved northeastward by way of the Carolina coast and was central tonight as a severe storm over the island of Nantucket. From southern Virginia northward the storm was accompanied by snow.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 15.—J. Lindsay Heard, 38 years old, one of Norfolk's best known lawyers and former president of the local bar association, committed suicide here late this afternoon. Mr. Heard shot himself while in the cabin of his hunting launch. He had recently returned from a New York hospital, where he was under treatment for a nervous break down.

IN THE REALM OF SPORTS

CHANGE IN NATIONAL COMMISSION OPPOSED

Dreyfuss Fails in Attempt to Have Proposal Endorsed

National League Magnates Unanimously Agree That Players' Salaries Must Come Down—Four-Day Session Closes.

New York, Dec. 15.—After a session lasting four days the National League Club owners ended their annual meeting here tonight. President Dreyfuss, of the National Commission, holding out success to get his brother club magnates to agree to a reorganization of the National Commission, holding that the commission should be made non-partisan by appointing some person unidentified with baseball as chairman in place of Garry Herrmann, of Cincinnati.

Chairman Herrmann, in reply, stated he was willing to resign from the commission if such action would benefit organized baseball, but all of those present except Dreyfuss declared they did not relish any change in the personnel of the supreme court of baseball and the subject which had caused much comment and conjecture was dropped there.

The declaration that "players' salaries must be scaled down" met with unanimous agreement. The form of contract with players, presented by the National Commission was approved with the exception of the ten-day release clause, the wording of which is to be revised by the National Commission and passed upon at the next meeting.

A readjustment of the gate receipts for the world's series was advocated and discussed at length. There was a general sentiment in favor of players other than those on the pennant winning clubs being benefitted financially. The question will be passed upon at a meeting at which both major leagues will be represented by their presidents or committees.

The league took no action regarding a proposed change in the prices of tickets for the world's series, leaving it to be decided by a joint committee from both leagues, but voted in favor of restricting the number of 25 cent seats in several cities.

After recommending the holding of two extra meetings during the playing season the delegates adjourned until February.

BILL FOLGER ELECTED CAPTAIN OF CAROLINA FOOTBALL SQUAD

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 15.—Bill Folger, of South Carolina, hero of the Thanksgiving gridiron battle between Virginia and Carolina in Richmond, was last night elected by the football team as captain of North Carolina's squad for next year. Only one other name was suggested for the position, John Cotten Tayloe, of Washington, N. C. The election of Folger has been most favorably received by the student body, who recognize that the honor is well merited.

The athletic association of the University last night awarded letters and stars to the members of the 1916 team. Seventeen letters and stars were awarded in all. Five men received stars, only that number having received letters last year. These ware as follows: Capt. Tandy, Love, Tayloe, Ramsay and Grimes. The letter men are: Folger, Tennent, Bellamy, Williams, Coleman, Johnson, Love, Tayloe, Harrell, Tandy, Grimes, Ramsay, Currie, Fitzsimons, Proctor, Crawford, and Barden.

ROBERT BAUGH AGAIN HEADS THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 15.—Robert H. Baugh was re-elected president of the Southern Baseball Association for a term of two years at the annual meeting here today. The club owners also raised the player limit to 15 men with no increase in the salary limit and agreed to adopted a 154 game schedule. A tentative schedule will be outlined tomorrow. The season will open April 12.

WHEAT DROPS OVER 13 CENTS A BUSHEL

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ed an extreme loss of 4 1-2 points on its turnover of about 600,000 shares, or one-quarter of the day's total operations, was once more the main objective of the professionals, but other industrials, equipments, the coppers, marines and Atlantic Gulf and West Indies, Industrial Alcohol, the motors and many other issues of an indefinite character shared considerably in the frenzied movement of the morning.

Bargain hunters were at work, however, as evidenced by the quiet absorption of numerous stocks. Covering of short commitments served in a measure to restore price equilibrium while the strength of rails was another element that made for greater confidence.

The more noteworthy net rallies included 25 points for Bethlehem Steel, 9 1-2 for Industrial Alcohol, 5 3-4 for Marine Common and 6 for preferred, four for Lackawanna steel, 3 for United States Steel and 3 for Central Leather.

BONUS TO BE GIVEN CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF BELL SYSTEM

Extra Cash Payment to Be Distributed in Excess of $6,000,000

New York, Dec. 15.—An extra cash payment exceeding $6,000,000 will be distributed to certain classes of employees in the companies comprising the Bell Telephone system to aid them in meeting the present abnormal living conditions, it was announced here tonight by Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. The payments, it was stated, will be equivalent to two or three weeks salary, in proportion to length of service.

HANSON WINNER LAST NIGHT

Took Two Straight Falls From Bumps Turner—Shows Much Improvement in His Work.

Pitted against "Bumps" Turner, brother and disciple of the mighty Joe, Fritz Hanson last night at Woolvin Hall gave the local wrestling fans a demonstration of the marked improvement in his work since last season, taking two straight falls from the visitor in 17 1-2 and 13 minutes, respectively. For the first he used a body hold and ankle lock and in the second the standing crotch hold proved Turner's undoing.

Gunner McGurley, of Fort Caswell, refereed the match and gave his usual level-headed and creditable performance, despite much ill-timed, mis-informed near advice from sections of the audience. Mr. McGurley's masterly handling of the situations arising when some of the well-meaning but unposted fans tried to protest his decision afforded almost as much amusement as did the match itself. The local fans—or at least some of them—have always been prone to indulge in the somewhat doubtful "sport" of baiting the referee whenever he renders a decision against their own personal interests in the match, but in McGurley they more than have their match, and he usually turns their jibes back upon them, and in such a diplomatic manner that they cannot take offense.

Turner, who lost a match to Hanson at Lumina last season, does not seem to have improved very greatly. He is quite a clever young wrestler, fast, strong and aggressive, but Hanson is too much the wily mat veteran for him. Fritz worked on the offensive most of the time last night, and he took the first fall in 17 1-2 minutes with a body hold and ankle lock, Turner forfeiting the fall under its punishment.

The second fall came at the end of 13 minutes when the local man pinned the visitor's shoulders down with a standing crotch hold.

Turner made a short statement after the bout, acknowledging Hanson as the better man. He said he would try to send his brother Joe down for a match with Hanson, and the local fans would be glad of an opportunity to see these two favorites meet again. Turner was the victor when they wrestled here last year, but Hanson is more nearly his equal in weight now, and has a lot of new "stuff" that looks promising indeed.

GOING AFTER INDUSTRIES

New Bern Gets Busy and Lands a New Manufacturing Enterprise

(Special Star Correspondence)

New Bern, Dec. 15.—New Bern citizens have awakened to the fact that the more manufacturing plants that they bring to this city, the faster the place will grow and the more the people will prosper, and they have gone out after these with a vim and have succeeded in landing one already.

This is the veneer plant formerly located at Greenville and which was burned down there some months ago. The management offered to re-build it here if fifty thousand dollars were subscribed and practically all of this amount has already been subscribed by local business men and it will be a comparatively easy matter to get the remainder.

It is planned to begin work on the plant some time during the coming month and to have it in operation at an early date.

CONDITION OF STATE TREASURY IS SHOWN

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considered essential for the best interests of all concerned.

The executive committee of the North Carolina Bar Association is to meet here next Tuesday in the office of the Legislative Librarian W. S. Wilson for the special purpose of formulating bills to submit to the Legislature that will provide the machinery for the operation of the amendments to the constitution recently ratified and effective January 10. Numbers of other committees are moving in the same direction. J. W. Hinsdale, Jr., of Raleigh, leading a special committee from the Association of Municipalities of this State, is roughing out a bill for the machinery for a meeting of the committee very soon, which is to have its bills ready for a general meeting of the council to be held January 10 for a move on the Legislature for the legislation it wants.

A special legislative commission for proposing judicial reform in courts and procedure. Chief Justice Walter Clark, chairman, meets Saturday to receive the recommendations of the members will represent the ideas of the majority of the commission. Other members are Major W. A. Graham, Judge W. P. Bynum, Judge Adams, L. V. Bassett and Judge Carter.

London, Dec. 15.—An official communication issued this evening concerning the condition of Premier David Lloyd-George says:

"The premier's condition is improving but he is not yet receiving visitors. The chief of the imperial staff, however, spent some time with him this afternoon transacting urgent business."

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VALUE OF FARM CROPS BREAKS ALL RECORDS

More Than Seven Billion Dollars is Government Estimate

This Is Almost Two Billion Dollars More Than Last Year, Although The Size of the Crops Is Much Smaller

Washington, Dec. 15.—All records for value of the country's important farm crops were exceeded this year despite the smaller size of the crops. Their value was placed at $7,641,609,000 today by the Department of Agriculture in its final estimates of the year. That is $1,750,000,000 more than the same crops were worth last year. Higher prices, due partly to reduced production and partly to the demands for American food from the warring nations of Europe were responsible for the vast increase in value.

Four crops each were worth more than a billion dollars. Corn, with a total value of $2,295,783,000, showed the greatest increase, being worth $573,103,000 more than last year's output.

Cotton, the second most valuable, with a total of $1,079,598,000, increased $475,278,000 over last year.

Wheat, the third, was worth $1,205,765,000, or $83,462,000 over the year before, when the production was almost 400,000,000 bushels.

Hay was fourth with a value of $1,008,894,000, an increase of $95,250,000.

Compared with last year's value, other crops showed the following increases:

Oats $96,673,000; potatoes $95,071,000; tobacco $72,727,000; barley $41,360,000; rye $12,774,000; buckwheat $1,521,000; flax seed $13,940,000; rice $10,974,000; sweet potatoes $13,161,000; sugar beet, $4,243,000; beans, $17,992,000; kafirs, $2,112,000; onions, $1,601,000; apples $27,660,000; oranges $9,545,000 and wild hay $11,053,000.

Final estimates of production showed a decrease of 60,000,000 bushels in corn from the November estimate and 32,000,000 bushels increase in wheat.

A revision of the 1915 estimates of crop production was announced by the department showing the corn crop to have been 2,999,523,000 bushels last year a reduction of 59,742,000 bushels from previous estimates and wheat for 1915 was placed at 1,025,801,000 bushels, an increase of 13,296,000 bushels, over estimates made last December.

Final estimates of this year's production of the country's principal farm crops as announced by the department today and compared with the five year average from 1910 to 1914 are:

Corn 2,583,241,000 bushels against 2,782,457,000; wheat 639,586,000 against 728,225,000; oats 1,351,992,000 against 1,157,961,000; barley 180,927,000 against 186,208,000; rye 47,383,000 against 37,568,000; buckwheat 11,840,000 against 17,022,000; flax seed 15,459,000 against 13,353,000; rice 41,982,000 against 24,378,000; potatoes 285,437,000 against 360,772,000; sweet potatoes 70,955,000 against 57,117,000; hay (tame) 89,991,000 tons against 66,234,000; tobacco 1,150,622,000 pounds against 991,958,000; cotton 11,511,000 bales against 14,259,000; sugar beets 6,671,000 tons against 5,391,000; apples 67,695,000 barrels against 65,966,000.

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MR. WILLIAM H. PIKE DEAD

Prominent and Well Known Citizen of Southport Passed Away Suddenly Yesterday

(By Long Distance Telephone)

Southport, N. C., Dec. 15.—The entire community was shocked to learn of the death of Mr. William H. Pike, one of the most prominent men of the city, which occured at his home shortly before noon today. Mr. Pike was about 65 years of age and came to Southport from Ft. Wayne, Ind., in 1889.

Notice of his death was sent to his brother-in-law, Mr. J. A. Pullem, a former resident of Southport, but now of East Orange, N. J., and other relatives. Pending instructions from these, the body was embalmed and now lies in his residence here.

Mr. Pike was married twice, both wives preceding him to the grave. His only immediate relatives are two sisters, one in Nebraska and one in Kentucky.

During his long residence here, Mr. Pike has been from the start identified with all works that were of material interest to Southport, and was prominently connected with many local enterprises. He was president of the Bank of Brunswick during its career, was for several terms an alderman of Southport, and held this position at the time of his death. He has also served as city tax collector, and was secretary of the Palmetto Island Company, a director in the Bank of Southport, and in addition had large real estate, renting and fire insurance interests. His property holdings are large and valuable.

The death of Mr. Pike was entirely unexpected, and was brought about by heart failure superinduced by acute indigestion. He attended to his business until last night, and this morning complained to his servant that he was not feeling well, and summoned a physician. A few days ago, however, he confided to an intimate friend that he suffered from shortness of breath, and a pain in the heart when he exerted himself.

His sudden passing is a severe loss to this community.

NO MEDIATION OFFER TO ACCOMPANY NOTES OF CENTRAL POWERS

(Continued From Page One).

way at the department and it has been physically impossible for officials, already overcrowded with work, to give immediate attention to other business waiting on their desks.

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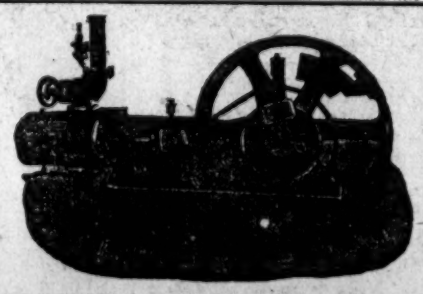
RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$5,533,969.70	Capital Stock	$1,000,000.00
U. S. Bonds (at Par)	602,500.00	Surplus and Net Profits	725,923.59
Bank Building	480,000.00	Circulation	543,300.00
Bonds and other Securities	336,600.00	Special Deposit Bonds	15,000.00
Liquidation Account, Southern National Bank	28,675.34	Acceptances	750,000.00
Customers' Liability Acceptances	750,000.00	Deposits	7,516,133.21
Cash and Due by Banks	2,810,611.76		
Total	$10,542,356.80	Total	$10,542,356.80

DEPOSITS:

Nov. 17th, 1914 ... $4,213,401.77
Nov. 17th, 1915 ... 6,083,763.59
Nov. 17th, 1916 ... 7,516,133.21

ENGINES BOILERS PUMPS



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THEATRICAL

"Should She Have Told?" That is the title. When the wife had committed an indiscretion in her youth or been the innocent victim of circumstances, should she keep her secret or tell her husband? The wife in this picture did not tell, and ter her life was almost ruined as a consequence. The final scene, when her happiness and even her life itself hung in the balance, while two men worked out a physical and mental problem before her eyes is one of the biggest moments that can be imagined. The best part of it is that this moment was bound to come and the audience will know it right from the beginning. Ruth Clifford as the girl, Edward Hearn as one of the men and George Beranger as the other, form a strong dramatic cast for this great three reel tense human drama that heads the day's bill at the Bijou.

There's a roaring L-Ko on today's bill, "Eat and Grow Hungry" starring those inimitable L-Koites headed by Dan Russell, and is good for a hundred big laughs.

And then comes the latest issue of the Universal Animated Weekly, which this week contains almost a half reel of great war scenes both from the German and allied battle lines. Don't miss this great all-star five reel bill today at the Bijou.

Chaplin Comedy at Grand

Yes. The Grand was able to get another great Chaplin comedy scream for today. The question is often asked—"will you be able to get a Chaplin for every Saturday" to which reply can now be made "No!". For there are mighty few good ones left, and they are getting scarce and the demand getting bigger. But so far the Grand has been fortunate in getting one each Saturday.

Today there will be presented a great two reel Chaplin comedy feature, "The Night Owls" the most laughable and ridiculous yet of the great Chaplin revue series, and starring besides the inimitable Million dollar comedy king, those old Keystone favorites Fatty, Mabel, Walrus and Ambrose in funprocoking situations and roles. Charlie is one of the boys and as night owls they do all manner of silly and ridiculous capers—and come very near landing in the lock-up. If you want to laugh for a solid half hour, don't miss this great scream at the Grand today.

There will be two other new and up-to-the-minute features on today's bill to make it a big money's worth, including a great Nestor comedy scream with those old favorites, Eddie Lyons, Lee Moran and others in the cast.

"The Birth of a Nation."

No one who has seen "The Birth of a Nation," that spectacular production with music which will play a limited return engagement beginning Christmas day, will say aught but that D. W. Griffith has shown himself to be the master stage director of the world. "The Birth of a Nation" is not a photoplay in the accepted sense of that word. It is a master creation, an epic story presented with true realism of actuality by talented players who seem to be living again in the "times that tried men's souls." There is no one who is not moved and thrilled by the clash of great armies on the field of battle and that appeal is to all sorts and conditions of men, women and children as is evidenced by every audience that gathers to enjoy this eighth wonder of the world.

While the fine artistic execution is truly epoch-making, probably the basic reason for its phenomenal success is to be found in the theme. It is a big historical romance, treating of the most momentous period in the history of the United States, a period which is not only highly important in the story of this country, but one which is still remembered by living men.

Add to the sublimity of the epic the intensity of the short story and one has an approximate value of "The Birth of a Nation." A large part of the piece comes from the overwhelming rapidity of its action. The spectator is carried hither and thither with bewildering facility. Stirring scenes are piled upon each other with almost confusing speed and scenes of historical importance almost jostle each other on the screen. Because of this rapidity of action it is a common occurrence to hear people say while leaving the theatre after three hours of wonderment and pleasure that it only seemed as if they had been in there for an hour. There is no "padding," no filling in with slow and meaningless scenes. It is action, action, action from start to finish until the audience is almost breathless with amazement. In the big scenes the applause and cheers are most inspiring.

There will be two performances every day at 3:15 and 8:30 p. m.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

Prices Close at Net Loss—Fluctuations Were Nervous.

New Orleans, Dec. 15.—Rapid and nervous fluctuations in cotton on this market today resulted from mixed sentiment and conflicting influences. Peace talk at times undoubtedly stimulated buying, but its influence on the whole was unsettled. Within rather narrow limits, price changes were rapid and although late in the day the market was at a net advance, selling right on the close put last prices to a net loss of 9 to 14 points.

On the opening the market showed easiness because of the poor Liverpool market and prices went 13 to 16 points under yesterday's close. Almost immediately there was a violent reaction from this decline amounting to 21 to 25 points on the most active months due to peace talk. During the remainder of the session fluctuations were not so wide and the close was steady. At the highest the most active months were 8 to 9 points over yesterday's last quotations.

Closing bid: December 17.77; January 17.77; March 18.06; May 18.30; July 18.46; October 16.50.

Spot quiet and unchanged; sales on the spot 125 bales; to arrive 100 bales.

CAPLAN FOUND GUILTY

Tried Second Time for Complicity in Los Angeles Times Explosion.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 15.—David Caplan was found guilty of manslaughter at his second trial for complicity in the Los Angeles Times explosion October 1, 1910, when 20 men were killed.

HERE'S AN IDEA FOR THOSE IN THE GARAGE BUSINESS

Asheville Man Uses Waste Oil and Thus Buys No Fuel.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 15.—E. C. Sawyer, who runs an automobile garage, has evolved a novel method of heating the garage and at the same time using waste oil that heretofore has been thrown down the sewer. Mr. Sawyer threw some of the oil from a crank casing into the fire recently and noticed how well it burned, despite the fact that scarcely anything but dead ashes was in the stove. That gave him an idea, and instead of coal, he placed a few bricks in the same stove. Mr. Sawyer then arranged an old auto gas tank outside the garage and ran a pipe from there to the stove. The recovered oil is allowed to work its way through the pipe, dripping onto the bricks and instantly forming a bright, intense heat.

Mr. Sawyer, who is of an inventive mind, immediately conceived the idea of an oil burning stove and proceeded to construct it. His fuel bill is practically nothing as the oil recovered from automobiles costs him nothing to secure.

CAPT. A. L. COX FAVORITE

Expected to be Appointed Judge Today, Succeeding Cooke.

(Special Star Telegram).

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 15.—Governor Craig's appointment of a successor to Judge Cooke as judge for the Seventh district is expected tomorrow and Capt. Albert L. Cox is generally expected to be the next judge. He is here on furlough from Mexican border service.

AN IMPORTANT STATEMENT BY I. SHRIER.

Be measured today for your Christmas Suit. Don't fail to attend to this today, for this is the last date upon which I can book your order for a suit during our Great Bi-Annual Sale and guarantee its delivery before Christmas.

The International Tailoring Company has agreed to co-operate with me to the fullest extent during this sale, not only in granting liberal price concessions in spite of the prevailing high cost of all materials, but they are straining every effort to make prompt deliveries.

Every suit will be tailored with the same exacting care as the garments you have been accustomed to get from this establishment during the past forty-five years. You will not only get first grade materials and high-grade workmanship, but you will get one of the best garments for the money that you ever bought in your life.

This sale is breaking all records and a glance at the following prices will tell you just how much you will save on your investment if you "DO IT NOW."

Here are the prices, look them over, then come and see just what excellent values they really mean upon an examination of the fabric that will go into the suit:

Domestic, $15.50; former values $18.50 to $27.00.

Imported, $22.50; former values, $25.00 to $41.00.

Ask yourself—Can you afford to miss it. From the present outlook it will be many years before you have another such an opportunity.

Most respectfully yo-rs,

(Advt.) I. SHRIER.

New Shipment of Dolls Just Received

We had just sold our last big doll, when a large freight shipment which we had been expecting for some time arrived. These are the new high grade American made Grumpy Dolls.

They come in two sizes; priced at .....**59¢** and **$1.25**

Other new dolls that were included are priced at..... **25¢** to **$4.00**

Several in the infants' character models with hair.

Visit the Handkerchief Booth

The handkerchief booth is the Mecca of scores of gift hunters who knowing the quality and superiority of Bon Marche handkerchiefs are buying from our attractive little booth, which is situated to the right of the store.

An especially good line of linen handkerchiefs to sell from .....**25c** to **$1.25**

Cotton handkerchiefs are priced at .....**5c** to **15c**

These include colored picot edge, plain hemstitched and embroidered corners.

Crepe de chine handkerchiefs in white and all colors, plain and embroidered; priced at **25c**

Headquarters for Out-of-Town Shoppers --- Grips Checked Here

Myro Dena Perfumery Came Yesterday

This line of perfumery is especially attractive for Christmas. It comes handsomely boxed and is a line of international reputation being imported from France. Here are a few of the items:

Eleasia Ideal Face Powder; priced at .....**50¢** box

Eleasia Ideal Toilet Water; priced at .....**$1.00** bottle

Eleasia Ideal Perfume; priced at .....**$1.50** bottle

Violette Delicieuse Toilet Water; priced at .....**75¢** bottle

Muguet des Champs Talcum Powder; priced at .....**25¢** box

Muguet des Champs Toilet Water, priced at .....**$1.50** bottle

Muguet des Champs Perfume, priced at .....**$4.50** bottle

Rose d'Armour Perfume; priced at .....**$4.75** bottle

Rose d'Armour Toilet Water; priced at .....**$1.75** bottle

Chantecler Toilet Water; priced at .....**$3.25** bottle

Chantecler Perfume; sells for .....**$5.35** bottle

McCallum Hose $1.00 Pair

For the next six days we offer our entire line of $1.25 McCallum hose, black and white, all sizes for **$1.00** pr

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LIVESTOCK MARKET BOOMING

All Records Broken at Fayetteville in Sales of Mules and Horses

(Special Star Correspondence).

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 15.—One of the best possible indexes of the prosperity of this section of North Carolina is the booming livestock market of Fayetteville. Never before has it been so easy to sell mules and horses and never have so many dealers visited Fayetteville as has been the case this season, was a statement made today by a man whose big transactions have earned him the title of the largest individual stock dealer in the South. Nineteen wholesale dealers came to Fayetteville during the past four days and in that time bought three carloads of stock from this dealer, C. L. Bevill, "the Mule King." Mr. Bevill has gotten into the habit of buying mules by the train-load. He has sold two solid trains of mules and horses since November 10 as well as a number of odd car lots, and will leave here tomorrow for Kansas City and Oklahoma City to buy a third train.

About 60 carloads of mules have been sold on the local market this season to dealers from all parts of the two Carolinas and Virginia. And this is despite the growing popularity of the automobile.

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Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC. You know what you are taking as the formula is printed on every label, showing it is Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. 50c.

WAR ORPHANS- THE PROBLEM OF EUROPE

Little German War Orphans of the Rural Districts Who are being taken care of by the German Women of the Better Class

Italian War Orphans at an Out Door School in Italy

Giving the Children of Dead French Soldiers the Decorations for Bravery Intended for their Fathers

Feeding the British War Orphans. London Women have Established Free Eating Houses for the Children

How the Orphan Children of Europe Are Being Cared for By the Good Women of the Land, and How Many Have Been Kept from Starving By Contribution from the United States.

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THE financing of the gigantic European struggle has been a difficult problem which is likely to be still more difficult to solve. The figures simply stagger one's imagination, but these do not represent by any means the burdens which are being imposed upon those distressed countries, for in addition to the direct expense necessary for the equipment of the vast armies, enormous costs are incurred in providing for the widows and orphans of the dead soldiers. This latter task will continue to be a serious one long after hostilities have ceased and all the nations will be at their wits end to make this load as light as possible and to provide ways and means whereby these innocent sufferers may be, to a limited extent, at least, wage-earners and thus lighten the heavy taxation confronting these countries.

More Than One Million Orphans.

It is estimated that there are more than a million fatherless children in Europe today as the result of the war, and all sorts of ways are being devised for their welfare.

Neutral Nations Assisting.

Even Holland and Switzerland have been forced to care for war orphans although they have no part in the struggle. It will be remembered that Holland absorbed a horde of half a million half-dazed and mentally dishevelled Belgians overnight—men, women and children driven from their homes by the advance of the Germans into Antwerp and its environs, who fled northward over the Belgium-Holland border finding safety upon the little thatched roofs of the thrifty Dutch. Holland at once began to figure out her problem of housing, feeding and educating this alien population that had thrust itself upon her hospitality. There was no fund available for such a gigantic scheme, and relief committees were appointed and the citizens gave liberally. The Americans came to the rescue with supplies and the Rockefeller Foundation War Relief Commission established in Rotterdam gave assistance in the distribution of clothing. In the hasty flight children were separated from their parents and even when parents were found they were penniless and frequently the father was in the Belgian army and the mother left without funds. Holland at once set up schools and all children who were old enough were made to attend. A manual training section was a part of the course and the pupils were taught trades by which they could make a living. Where the children were babies nurseries were established, where the children were cared for while their mothers did sewing and other work.

Hundreds of refugees from the various nations have wandered into Switzerland, where they are being assisted and the children cared for. Germans, French and Italians are among the refugees, and as Switzerland is made up of the descendants of these three races the refugees are sure to find friends. At Zurich a large number of German orphans are being provided for, while at Geneva there are a number of French children, and down near the Italian border there are quarters for Italian orphans. The babies in Poland have died by the thousands practically from lack of proper food; the cattle were killed and little condensed milk could be obtained. The poor mothers fed the children on whatever could be obtained and only the strongest were able to subsist on the scant food. The condition of the war orphan in Poland is indeed pitiable as the whole nation is poverty-stricken and little aid is being given them by the Russians. Indeed, were it not for the German soup kitchen the population would have starved to death.

In Italy.

Down in Italy the Queen has interested herself in the war orphans and with other ladies of the Court has opened schools and nurseries for the children who have lost their fathers in war. Outdoor schools have been established for the children who are not strong and the most nourishing food is given them. The drain on the purses of the wealthy Italians has been so severe that the greatest economy is practiced. Every day brings new orphans and as there seems to be no end in sight the war orphan problem is becoming a serious one in Italy.

France.

France, too, has her problem and at least twenty-seven hundred are being cared for under the protection of the American Girls' Aid at Yvetot. All over France the people are taking care of the "kiddies" whose fathers have fallen in battle. Nurseries have been established where children can be left by the mothers who are breadwinners. Wealthy society women act as nurses and many of them have taken it upon themselves to clothe and educate a number of the youngsters. When the decorations for bravery are given the children of the men are asked to appear, and should the man who has won a medal for valor be among the missing the decoration is given to the oldest son, and if there is no son it is given to the daughter. In after years the Government will remember these children and assist them whenever it is possible. The war burdens of France are many, yet the people are cheerful and are trying to care for the widows and orphans.

England And Russia.

England is doing nobly in caring for the children, and she has her full share for the rebellion in Ireland added several hundred to the already large number of dependent children. These children were without bread for several days and many of them were in a starving condition when the good women of Dublin discovered their pitiful condition and established a food kitchen. Some of them have been placed in orphan asylums in Ireland; others have beep taken to England and a few have been sent to relatives in America. These innocent children were the real sufferers of the Irish rebellion. In England the women have taken over the care of the orphans and homes have been established in various parts of the country. In London there are many distressing cases which have been discovered by the Salvation Army—that band of good men and women who are doing such noble work in assisting the war sufferers. Down in the poorest parts of London they have opened soup kitchens and milk stations where the poor mothers and children can obtain wholesome food. Caring for the dependent sick is another of their kindly acts. Queen Mary is deeply interested in the war orphan and has given a large amount of money for their support. Both the King and Queen frequently visit these orphanages and are actively engaged in the supervision of the establishments.

Russia's orphans run into the thousands. They are cared for by asylums with more or less comfort but their condition in no way compares with that of the other countries. The Russian peasant is used to hardships and the children are accustomed to coarse food and little care. It is said, however, that a new era is dawning in the Land of the Bear, and that the peasant is being given a chance to better his condition and that of his children. More schools are being established and a sort of compulsory education is in vogue at present. As Russia is largely an agricultural country both boys and girls are being trained in farming. The Russian Government has set aside a certain sum for the aid of the war orphans, but as Russia is still graft ridden it is doubtful whether very much of the money is actually spent in this noble cause. Russia has long been noted for having the largest orphanage in the world—the one at Moscow caring either directly or indirectly for eighteen thousand children. They are, of course, not housed under one roof but are farmed out to different persons under whose care they work.

German System.

Germany does everything in a methodical manner and she is caring for the war orphans with as much system as she uses in moving her army. This duty however, has been turned over to the women, who have organized societies whose business it is to do certain work in caring for the children whose fathers have died for the Fatherland. They are also assisting the women with children whose husbands are on the firing line. The Empress, who is today the most beloved woman in Germany, is at the head of the movement and gives her personal attention to its workings. The Crown Princess Cecelie, too, is an earnest supporter and frequently comes to the nurseries to see that all is going well. The actual work is under the direction of a Mrs. Becker, of Berlin, who is solving the problem in a very effective manner. She is being aided by the Princess Eitel Friederich, who alone is caring for about two hundred and fifty children. Mrs. Becker has interested many German women of means in the project and they have contributed liberally to the cause, several of them turning over their own houses for this purpose. The fathers have been killed and the mothers are taking their places in the industries. Mrs. Becker and her fifty assistants see to it that the children are not neglected and left to the degenerating influence of the streets. Those children who have lost both parents are kept at the orphanages and are being educated, while those whose mothers are living and are at work are taken from the homes early in the morning and returned at night. Some of the children are called for as early as seven o'clock, their mothers being due at their work at that hour. Many of the mothers call for the children after working hours. The main part of the day for the smaller children is spent in play and kindergarten training. The bigger girls sew and embroider and assist in the cooking. The boys are being taught trades.

Just how long the war will continue no one can predict, and every day more children are left fatherless and more women are widowed, and the time will come when some of the burden of caring for the children will necessarily fall upon the Governments of the warring countries. The neutral nations have been more than generous in their giving and the women are teaching the war orphans the ways of right living, but the caring for a million or more fatherless children is a problem the solving of which is no easy task.

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TOP O' THE MORNING.

For somehow not only at Christmas—
But all the long year through,
The joy that you give to others
Is the joy that comes back to you.
—SELECTED.

General Opinion seems to lead the masses along various lines.

We guess that the "Society of White Wings" is strictly for girl tots.

No, Mabel, the farmers are not in business for their health at this time.

A domestic scientist says that so-called cheap rice is more expensive than high priced potatoes.

A luncheon used to consist of a dab of this and a dab of that, but most of the dab has been cut out here of late.

Colonel Bryan asserts that New York never started a reform. Of course, not; a deform really startles New York.

A botanist says there are a great many grasses that people ought to eat. Maybe old Nebuchadnezzar was right.

What some of us need is a corner on how to live at less expense. We really prefer to get a corner on a regular cinch.

One hundred million Americans have kept out of war, but a few thousands have come very nearly getting all their countrymen into war.

When a self-made man gets married he may find out how easy it is for his better half to make a fool of the other half that he made of himself.

One of the new foodstuffs now on the market is called "Yam Puddine." Sounds like a high price name for Aunt Jemima's old fashioned "tater puddin'."

A Virginian who was in possession of 20 gallons of liquor was arrested a few days ago. The circumstance can hardly be recognized as prima facie evidence that a fishing frolic was on foot.

Within a week the authorities of Alabama destroyed 100,000 gallons of confiscated liquor. In view of the fact that Christmas is only nine days away, you can imagine several things in that connection.

A man in Missouri kicked a mule to see what it would do. Of course, the mule kicked, too, which shows that a mule knows exactly what to do in order to satisfy idle curiosity. A mule's intellectual standing is on a par with that of a fellow who simply kicks and troubles trouble when trouble isn't troubling him.

One of the notable evidences of prosperity in this part of the country at present is the tremendous amount of advertising being carried by the weekly papers, in both their regular and their Christmas editions. However, the high price of paper takes away a large part of what ordinarily would be profit. Some of the weeklies are now paying $200 more a year for their white paper.

Says the Richmond Virginian: "The London and Paris press comments, breathing a spirit that would spurn consideration of peace now, are probably written with a view to overriding any peace sentiment that the Central Powers' proposals may create." However, the true sentiment in this instance does not depend upon what is thought by those who write but upon what is thought by those who fight.

Germany proposes some kind of agreement for peace and says the world will put the blame on the Allies if they reject it. England proposes to agree to it if the Central Powers will agree to the Entente demands for lasting peace—otherwise the world will put the blame on the Central Powers for continuance of the war. As a matter of fact, the world will put the blame on the lack of statesmanship that is responsible for the war.

THE PERENNIAL FISH PROBLEM

Recent reports and statements from interested persons along the coast indicate conclusively that the 1917 Legislature must face and again undertake to solve the perennial fisheries problem, a pestiferous and perplexing subject with which every legislature for many, many years has had to deal. It is doubtful if Hon. Rufus Doughton and Hon. "Pete" Murphy, members-elect of the House who served in the Legislature away back in the days when negroes occupied seats in North Carolina's legislative halls, can recall a session of the Legislature when a "fish fight" did not develop.

It is probably safe to say that no subject with which the Legislature has to deal is dreaded so much by the experienced members. Over and over again they have tried in vain to settle the problem, and with the creation of the State Fisheries Commission they thought they had succeeded. This commission was designed to represent the State, conserve its fishing resources with a view to the best interests of the commonwealth as a whole and at the same time adopt such regulations as would be fair and just and as far as possible satisfactory to the various and conflicting interests of the different localities, thus relieving the Legislature of the worry of dealing with these conflicting interests every two years. However, it seems that the plan has failed to work at least to the extent of relieving the General Assembly of a pestiferous burden. The only relief appears to be in the constitutional amendment which will do away with local and private legislation by the Assembly, on and after January 10 next, though the inevitable "fish bills" will be poured into the legislative hopper during the first seven days of the session and desperate efforts will be made to have some of them passed before time is called.

Aside from any politics in it all, there is the fundamental fact that, unlike probably any other industry or enterprise, the interests of those engaged in the fishing business conflict. The fishermen themselves, for instance, appear before the legislative committees and oppose each other with more vigor than they fight anybody else. The fishing interests of one county or section of the State will stage a tremendous fight against another county or section. Each will propose a bill to suit its own interests without regard to the others, and there have been repeated instances where the measure for the "conservation" of the interests of one locality would have absolutely killed those in other areas.

For the purpose of illustration only, we will suppose the fishing interests of New Hanover and Brunswick counties have agreed upon a programme for the fishing industry of the lower Cape Fear. A bill is drafted and introduced. If that were all, there might not be any problem in it. But Cumberland and Bladen fishing interests "get onto what's up" and enter a vigorous protest and introduce a counter bill, declaring that the New Hanover-Brunswick bill would absolutely kill the fishing industry in the upper Cape Fear,—and go a long way towards proving it. Each side insists upon the measure it proposes. The representatives from the counties involved are intensely interested in getting the legislation their respective counties desire. The other members of the Legislation their respective counties dating the Cape Fear fishing interests as a whole for the benefit of this section and of the State at large. So the fight is on, and this illustrates the nature of the bitterest fights seen in the Legislature in twenty years. In these "fish fights" men have been known to give each other the "lie" and use "cuss words" right in the committee meetings, which usually draw big crowds.

With respect to almost any other enterprise, this conflict of interest does not obtain. For instance, when a measure is proposed by the farmers, there is little or no opposition on the part of farmers. If a bill favored by the railroads is introduced, you don't find any of the railroads fighting it. The fishing industry is in a class to itself. It is therefore a sore subject with the seasoned legislator, for he has learned from long and unpleasant experience that it is impossible to pass a "fish bill" that will satisfy all concerned or to solve the problem as a whole so that it will stay solved. The Fisheries Commission was the Legislature's final supreme effort in this direction—so it thought.

The big "fish problem" before the coming Legislature is to enact a general law for the regulation of the industry, so pliable as to be made satisfactorily applicable to each locality and at the same time conserve the fish supply of the State. Something of the sort will be necessary under the constitutional provision against enactment of local and private laws by the Legislature in the future.

THE EDITORS AND THEIR PAPER SUPPLY.

The high price of print paper not only makes the burden of the publishers of dailies a serious one, but it is a veritable problem that the country weeklies have to face. Publishers generally in North Carolina have taken steps in the way of seeking relief but there has been no action towards definite measures to relieve the situation. Some have been discussed and the publishers have even gone to Washington with their plaint, but as to the outlook for them the Charlotte Observer says:

"The committee from the North Carolina Press Association that was appointed to look into the news print situation, appears to have met with discouragement at Washington, where it stated its grievenances and got in return the statement of the manufacturers on the situation from their standpoint. The committee has arrived at the conclusion that the only solution of the high cost of paper is the establishment of a mill in North Carolina to manufacture it, and this proposition is under advisement. The North Carolina Press Association claims to be in position to finance a paper factory and is on the lookout for some manufacturing company to establish and operate the mill. The proposition would appear to be practical and certainly in North Carolina conditions are favorable to the operation of paper mills. Power is abundant and labor is cheap. At Canton there is already in operation a pulp mill with a large capacity and we understand the output of this mill is shipped to the finishing mills North where it is converted into the commercial product. The Canton mill, itself, turns out paper in a small way. Perhaps this Canton property might be utilized by the Press Association as a basis for a starter in the manufacture of news print."

The one practical suggestion for relief is the establishment of a paper mill in North Carolina, but while that is perfectly feasible the vital question is one of financing the industry. Parties experienced in paper manufacturing already have been in Wilmington and other portions of the State investigating the timber possibilities for a pulp and paper industry and they have ascertained the fact that right here in Wilmington there can be no more ideal possibilities anywhere. Really the only question is one of financing a factory, for all the other prerequisites are furnished by the forests along the 1,000 miles of raft bearing waters of the Cape Fear section.

There are pulp industries at Canton, in the mountains, and also at Roanoke Rapids, in Eastern Carolina, but it is quite likely that both are controlled by the paper manufacturers up north. At least they may have contracts ahead and would not be able to supply a paper mill at Wilmington or elsewhere in the State.

The most practical plan would be to build a pulp and paper industry complete right here in Wilmington. All the economic factors hereabouts are pronounced, and whether a factory in this State would cheapen the price of paper or not, there is here a fine opening for an absolutely profitable industry. Why can't North Carolina publishers get in touch with Wilmington for a paper mill on the Cape Fear. Mr. W. H. Crocker, a Pennsylvanian, is here camping on a veritable prospect so the newspaper men, it seems, ought to get in touch with him as to financing a proposition for which he already has a detailed prospectus.

LUMBER AFTER THE WAR

The lumber industry is one which should have no dread of the after effects of the war in Europe. Already forward looking lumbermen are looking forward to the organization of a large lumber exporting corporation to handle direct trade with the countries of Europe after the close of the war.

At New Orleans on Wednesday the organization of a foreign selling company to market Southern pine abroad was discussed at the executive meeting of a special committee of the Southern Pine Association. The project has been fostered by the association and many lumbermen interested in it have agreed to subscribe to the stock of a foreign marketing company, which, it is proposed, shall be organized with a capital of several million dollars. This marketing company is to be conducted under legislation now pending in Congress, the purpose of the company being to supply the foreign demand for yellow pine on a large scale.

If the export business can be retained in the hands of lumbermen themselves, it would be a good thing for them, but, anyhow, it will be a good thing for any foreign trading association that is to be organized, either in the South or at the North. However, the disposition at New Orleans was to delay the formation of such a concern till there is more favorable prospects for peace, and especially till the legislative machinery is provided by Congress. Waiting for legislation is a good reason, but waiting for the war to end isn't.

After the war closes, it may be too late to organize, as some other American concern is sure to see the opportunity and get the business in line just as soon as peace is declared. There also is the strong probability that an importing company will be organized in Europe where it will be in touch with the shipping interests which are necessary to carry on the business on a large scale. Our Southern ports ought to be able to organize exporting and importing companies to handle not only the lumber business but to engage in commercial undertakings of a general character.

The proposed foreign selling company, according to tentative plans, would establish its agencies throughout Europe, installing exhibits of American lumber in various European cities, and also deal direct with foreign governments in the matter of ocean transportation. Future extension of the concern's activities to South American markets also is contemplated

The Southern Pine Association some time ago sent a representative abroad to study the lumber trade situation. He reported that the European war with its destruction of cities, towns and villages, had been rapidly exhausting supplies of all kinds of building material and he indicated that European business in sight was so vast that individual sawmills would not be able to handle the demand expected to be made upon American forests when Europe begins to rebuild. Upon consideration of their representaitve's report the lumbermen decided to inaugurate a movement to meet the situation and took steps toward organizing a selling company under proposed Federal legislation, which would permit American manufacturers to combine their forces to develop foreign trade.

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BORING FOR OIL IN GEORGIA

South Georgia now has the oil fever. A North Carolinian who is interested in some lands in one or the lower counties of Georgia told us several months ago that cursory prospecting had developed the presence of a good quality of petroleum—how much only the boring of wells would determine. It seems that more than usual interests is now aroused in several Georgia counties.

In his last quarterly report, State Geologist S. W. Callie, just made to the advisory board of the Georgia geological survey, he reveals the fact that considerable interest is being displayed in parts of the State as a possible oil field. Considerable prospecting is being carried on. Interest seems to center largely in Ware county, where a well is being bored and also in possible oil deposits in Ben Hill, Willcox and Jeff Davis counties.

The Atlanta Constitution reports that inquiries have come from several sources to the State Department of geology concerning these prospects, and Professor R. R. Hice, state geologist of Pennsylvania, has made a trip to Jeff Davis and Ben Hill counties to investigate.

Professor Hice reported that he found evidence of oil seepage in south Georgia, and suggests an investigation into oil well records, and believes that should any slight folds be shown in the coastal plain rocks of Georgia "it would justify the thorough testing out of the more likely looking places".

Professor Hice found that certain south Georgia lands are already under lease for oil and gas purposes, and that some drilling will be done during the next year.

A. C. L. CLERKS AND 8-HOUR DAY

To the Editor of The Star:

Referring to the legislation proposed by our local representative, Mr. L. Clayton Grant, in the next General Assembly, outlined in your paper of the 13th, inst.:

The writer has made considerable inquiries among many of the general office force of the Atlantic Coast Line here, a majority of whom supported Mr. Grant in the recent election, and without a single exception they are all opposed to the eight-hour proposition, and I would like to know if he has made a very careful canvass of his constituents to ascertain whether or not his proposed legislation is acceptable to the majority.

While it is true a number of clerks are required to work a little overtime occasionally, they are amply repaid for this by the half holiday given them on Saturday and ten day's vacation with pa each year and free transportation practically whenever desired, and certainly whenever necessary.

Generally the overtime work is caused from the fact that the clerk is behind in his work on account of absence from the office or for some similar reason and it is his duty to catch it up

I am convinced that the proposed eight-hour legislation would work more as a hardship on the office force of the A. C. L. than as a benefit.

Yours truly,
T. H. GRIFFIN,
(One of the Clerks).
Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 15, 1916.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Since the University of North Carolina licked the tar out of the University of Virginia on the football field, North Carolina doubtless no longer feels that it is "a vale of humility between two peaks of conceit, South Carolina and Virginia."—Greenville News.

The live stock industry, the Suwannee county stock farms scattered throughout the county—are doing much toward improving the grade of stock, and are also interesting practically all farmers in raising thoroughbred, or at least crossing the native stock with the thoroughbred.—Live Oak (Fla.) Democrat.

The Wilmington Star says: "A Rumanian statesman urged his country to join in the European war in order to realize her larger destiny." Rumania took his advice, but she is now in a position to realize that depending on some advice is like leaning on a rotten stick to overlook a cliff." We are willing to bet that in Rumania that man has already changed from a statesman to a peanut politician.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

Wilmington has always been having municipal trouble. It wasn't long ago that a paper was started down there by the sounding sea to expose graft. The paper didn't live long but now come in some people and accuse officials of padding city pay rolls and doing other things dire and dreadful. The council will investigate; some one may be found guilty and some one may not be found guilty—but they are always starting something in Wilmington and that is why the man who seeks excitement and gayety and mirth goes there and lives and enjoys life—Greensboro Record.

That new railroad from Monroe to McBee is the one The Observer had in mind a few days ago when it gave voice to the hope that Bonsal's contract into Savannah having been completed, he would be given word by the Seaboard Air Line people to take up. It is known that this road has been long in contemplation and that great expectations have been based on the possibilities of the direct connection it would give Charlotte with Charleston. It is, in fact, regarded as too good a proposition for the Seaboard Air Line to abandon, and to our mind it has been only a question as to when the Seaboard would be in position to take it up and finish it. We have reason to believe that the newly-aroused hopes of Monroe, as reported to this paper Wednesday, will not this time be doomed to disappointment.—Charlotte Observer.

A brilliant success for the Federal farm loan law passed by Congress at its last session is foreshadowed in the announcement from Washington that already more than 50,000 farmers, principally of the West and South, have applied for mortgage loans aggregating not far from $150,000,000. It is very evident from this that the agricultural states have been quick to realize the benefits to be derived from securing money at rates less than those generally charged by commercial banks. When the new system gets into operation during the coming year it seems probable that it will find a field well prepared and waiting for it and that it will duplicate the splendid record made by the Federal reserve bank system in stabilizing the country's finances and adding to its resources. It was one of the many mistakes made by the Republicans in the recent campaign that they sneered at all the legislative achievements of the Wilson administration and attempted to belittle them, including the Federal farm loan act. This measure had been treated by Congress in a purely non-partisan spirit and received Republican support equally with Democratic. It appears to have made a most favorable impression upon Western farmers, and it was therefore a stupid blunder to attack it and to boast how much better the Republicans would have managed the affair. As a matter of fact, though the G. O. P. was in power continuously for sixteen years, it never made any serious effort to benefit the American farmer, great as were his needs at times. With the financial position of the agriculturalist greatly improved by the high prices of his products and the opportunity now afforded him to look for an increased output, to keep pace with the growth of poplation, the whole country should thus benefit by the new law.—Philadelphia Record.

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Council Appoints Him as Superintendent of Streets

First Ballot Taken Results in Tie, Which is Broken by Mayor Moore Casting Vote for Mr. Burnett. Former Sheriff Nominated.

Mr. C. S. Burnett was appointed superintendent of streets for the city of Wilmington to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. J. J. Furlong, at a special meeting of City Council held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the salary of $1,800 per annum.

Immediately following the call to order Mayor F. Q. Moore, who announced that the matter of appointing a successor to Mr. Furlong as superintendent of streets was before Council, Councilman James M. Hall placed the name of Mr. Burnett in nomination for the position. The nomination was seconded by Councilman W. D. McCaig. The first ballot resulted in a tie, Messrs. Hall, McCaig and Bradshaw voting "aye," and Councilmen Bunting, Merritt and Jones "nay."

Councilman Jones then stated that it would have afforded him a great deal of pleasure to place Mr. J. E. Holton's name in nomination for the position, but that he had been informed that it would be useless. He later announced that he would nominate former Sheriff S. P. Cowan for the superintendency and the nomination was seconded by Councilman Merritt, but Mayor Moore ruled the nomination out of order. A second ballot was then taken, which again resulted in a tie, each councilman voting as on the first ballot, and Mayor Moore broke the tie by voting "aye," following which he declared Mr. Burnett superintendent of streets. Council was then adjourned.

Immediately following Councilman Jones' statement with reference to Mr. Holton and his nomination of Sheriff Cowan, Councilman McCaig remarked: "It seems Mr. Holton's friends have deserted him at the eleventh hour and switched to Sheriff Cowan. I had not heard any mention of Sheriff Cowan in connection with the position until 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. I make this statement for the benefit of Sheriff Cowan's friends, among whom I number myself."

Mr. Jones' Statement.

Following the nomination of Mr. Burnett, Councilman W. F. Jones made a statement of his position with reference to the filling of the vacancy created by Mr. Furlong's resignation. He said:

"It would afford me a great deal of pleasure to place Mr. J. E. Holton's name in nomination for the position as superintendent of the city streets, because I consider him faithful and deserving and have been informed by a great many people that his work had been very satisfactory and has pleased the Health Department in particular, but I have been informed that it would be useless to place his name before Council.

"The statement made about Mr. Holton's friends deserting him at the eleventh hour and turning to Sheriff S. P. Cowan, is incorrect, as I was informed this morning to nominate Mr. Holton would be useless, and the candidacy of Mr. Burnett was an eleventh hour affair, as far as I knew, because Mr. Burnett's name had not been mentioned to me."

Mr. Burnett's Career.

Mr. Burnett, who is owner of a vulcanizing and tire station on North Third street, it is understood will accept the appointment, provided he can make a satisfactory arrangement for his son, Mr. R. S. Burnett, to manage his business.

The new appointee has had considerable executive experience which should be of considerable value to him in his new work. During the Spanish-American war he was government engineer in charge of the dynamo supplying Fort Caswell with its electricity and also the current for the mine field there.

Following the war, he was employed as assistant engineer at the Wilmington Compress, and when that plant was shut down during the riot in 1898. Mr. Burnett was appointed a patrolman in the police department. About a year and a half later he was promoted to the position of sergeant and later on assistant chief of police, in which capacity he figured in the campaign against "Blind Tigers." He was later reduced to the rank of patrolman and served as such for some time until he was re-named a sergeant. From this position, he resigned and went into the milk business. He next sold real estate successfully for some time and later acquired his present business.

May Ask Restraining Order.

It was rumored on the streets last night that application would be made this morning to Judge G. W. Connor for a restraining order prohibiting Mr. Burnett from taking office as superintendent of streets on the alleged ground that under the provisions of the City Charter, Mayor Moore did not have the power to break the tie.

When Judge Addison G. Ricaud was asked last night as to what basis there was for the report, he stated that he had heard the rumor and there might be some such movement on foot to question the mayor's power to cast the deciding ballot, but he did not know that any such action was contemplated. He added that he had not been employed to seek the restraining order in question.

MISSION PHARMACY WILL SEND BOX TO WILMINGTON COMPANY

Contributions for Guardsmen Will be Forwarded Wednesday Afternoon

Mr. L. B. Sasser, proprietor of the Mission Pharmacy, announced yesterday that any persons in the city who desires to send any parcel to the Wilmington company of engineers on the border may leave them at the Mission Pharmacy at any time before Tuesday night. All packages left there will be shipped by express Wednesday, leaving Wilmington on the 3:45 Atlantic Coast Line train, which should give it ample time to reach El Paso by Christman day.

Those desiring to send packages either to the company as a whole, or to individuals may do so. None of the parcels will be opened, but simply packed together. It is imperative, however, that they be delivered to the Mission Pharmacy not later than Tuesday night.

"GRAMPUS" MUST GET AWAY

Fisheries Bureau Head Writes That Vessel's Stay Cannot Be Extended. Two Fish Banks Discovered.

Fisheries Commissioner E. H. Freeman, of the State Commission, and Dr. H. M. Smith, Commissioner of Fisheries of the United States, are very much gratified by the comparatively brief investigation conducted in local waters by the government experts on the schooner "Grampus," which has already resulted in the discovery and charting of two sea bass banks off the mouth of the Cape Fear river which are believed to contain millions of these valuable fish.

The "Grampus," of which Captain G. W. Carlson is commander, is now moored at the wharf of the Wilmington Iron Works preparatory to going on the marine railway for repairs made necessary by leaks which developed while the vessel was on its way to Wilmington from Cape Hatteras.

Mr. Freeman received a letter yesterday from Dr. Smith, in reply to his urgent request that the "Grampus" be detailed to continue its present investigation beyond the date previous set for her departure, in which the latter stated that he deeply regretted his inability to comply with the request at once, but that he hoped to be able to send the "Grampus" or another vessel to continue the search for clam and scallop beds off the Carolina coasts, the existence of which is indicated by the fact that steamers engaged in menhaden fishing have pulled up in their seines quantities of clams and scallops in waters close to the Cape Fear bar.

Dr. Smith stated in his letter that the bureau would be very glad to extend the period of investigation of the North Carolina fisheries but for the fact that, in advance, it had committed itself to an investigation of fishery resources in the Gulf of Mexico, to which waters the "Grampus" will be sent shortly.

Use of Small Boat Urged.

Dr. Smith added that the survey of the fishery resources off the North Carolina coast could be most economically carried out as a function of the fisheries station at Beaufort, N. C., working over a longer period of time and with the use of a smaller power boat.

This station, it is pointed out, is designed for service to fisheries and intended as a center and base of operations for the South Atlantic coast. Congress is being urged to provide for the re-organization of this station in order to more fully equip it for such surveys. If these plans materialize, the Beaufort station will be able to make a thorough exploration of local fishing grounds, the existence of which is practically certain.

Two Banks Discovered.

The two sea bass banks that have been located by the "Grampus" are both located near the mouth of the Cape Fear river. The largest is just off the Cape Fear bouy and is described as being 3 1-2 miles by 2 1-2 miles in size. The crew of the "Grampus" made a test here with six lines and succeeded in landing 139 bass in 15 minutes.

The smaller of the two beds is reported as being located a mile and a quarter off the inshore light at Cape Fear bar, 120 fish being caught here in test made by the crew of the "Grampus." The bed is reported as being off Baldhead Island, while the other is said to lie between Lockwood's Folly and Little River.

MAY ADD DOMESTIC SCIENCE TO CITY SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Board of Education Takes Matter Under Advisement—Other Matters

A movement to have courses in domestic science inaugurated in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades of the William Hooper, Bear Memorial, Cornelius Harnett and Union schools of the city, was laid before the Board of Education at their regular meeting yesterday afternoon by the principals of the schools mentioned.

Chairman Woodus Kellum, Esq., presided and all members and also the superintendents of the city and county schools were present. The board took the matter of the domestic science courses under consideration and will announce their decision later. Should this course be added to the curriculum of the city schools it will necessitate the employment of at least two additional teachers.

The matter of domestic science instruction in the rural schools of the county was also discussed at the meeting. The matter of public lectures in the schools was taken up and discussed, but a list of speakers has not yet been announced.

FOR THE SEASIDE ASSEMBLY

Baptist State Convention Made Usual Appropriation and Speakers Are Being Secured

Some of the best talent in the country has been secured already and the committee is corresponding with other speakers for the next North Carolina Baptist Seaside Assembly, which will be held at Wrightsville Beach June 26, July 4, according to a statement in yesterday's issue of "Go Forward", the local weekly published in the interest of the First Baptist church. Dr. J. J. Hurt is president of the Seaside Assembly.

The following from "Go Forward" will be of interest to the public generally in Wilmington and elsewhere:

"The Baptist State Convention made the usual appropriation to the expenses of the Seaside Assembly. The Convention believes in this Assembly, and is anxious to make it better and better each year. The officers and directors are of one mind on this. The Assembly will grow in attendance and in power. Our attendance the last two years has been larger each year than Virginia had for her first two years. Now, after eight years of history, Virginia has an annual attendance of from 1,500 to 2,000.

"The dates of the next Assembly are June 26-July 4. Some of the best talent in the country has been secured already, and the Committee is corresponding with other speakers. It will be a good meeting. Definite announcements concerning the programme will not be made for several months yet.

"In the meantime, tell your friends that the time to come to Wrightsville next summer will be June 26-July4."

SEABOARD PROMISES IMPROVED SERVICE

Wilmington Delegates To Charlotte Conference Return

General Manager Lake Tells Conferees That Company Will Maintain Better Schedules Between Rutherfordton and Wilmington.

General Manager Lake, of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, according to the three members of the Wilmington delegation who returned last night from Charlotte, where they attended the conference between the former and prominent merchants, manufacturers and business men from all over the State on the subject of an improved train service on the Seaboard between Wilmington and Rutherfordton, declared that as early as practicable an improved service would be inaugurated. The conference was held in the banquet hall of the Selwyn hotel yesterday afternoon.

The delegates from Wilmington included Messrs. J. G. McCormick and W. E. Perdew, representing the local Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. John W. Blomme, representing the U. C. T. of this city. All expressed themselves as being very much gratified with the courtesies extended by Manager Lake and over the result of the conference, which was largely attended by representative business and professional men not only of Charlotte but practically from every town along the line.

All three delegates from Wilmington made addresses in which they urged that the train service be improved according to the proposed schedules submitted. Mr. J. G. McCormick made the first address in favor of the new schedules.

Among others who spoke in favor of the improved service at the conference were the following: State Senator-elect Frank Gough, of Lumberton; Jas. I. McNair, of Lumberton; O. L. Clark, of Clarkton; J. W. Carter, of Maxton; W. C. Via, of Wadesboro; E. C. Dunn, of Bladenboro; W. E. Perdew, representing the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce; C. C. Dunn, of Bladenboro; H. E. Gibbons, Hamlet; R. L. McLeod, Maxton; M. B. McAulay, Acme; U. B. Blalock, Wadesboro; R. L. Hardison, Wadesboro; J. F. Wiggs, Bladenboro; W. C. Dowd, president and manager of the Charlotte News; W. B. Sullivan, business manager of the Charlotte Observer, and Mayor T. L. Kirkpatrick, of Charlotte.

SAYS THE INVESTOR IS THE REAL OWNER OF RAILROADS

John Muir Declares Wall Street No Longer a Gambler's Paradise.

Evansville, Ind., Dec. 14.—John Muir, chairman of the Railway Investors' League, New York, sold the Central States Conference on rail and water transportation, in an address today that the investor is the real owner of the railroads.

"There has been going on for the past ten years persistent absorption of railway stocks and bonds by the man of moderate means, the small investor," Mr. Muir said.

"Wall Street is no longer a gambler's paradise. It is a section of hard work, devoted to research to obtain facts and information to guide the thrifty in how and what to buy. If investors can be convinced that capital invested in the railways will be given proper consideration in the solving of all problems, that most pressing problem, the raising of the great amount of money needed for new construction and development, can be easily solved."

PEACE CONDITIONS MUST SAFEGUARD GERMANY'S FUTURE

Berlin, Dec. 15, (via Sayville).—A caucus of the conservatives in the Reichstag adopted a resolution which now is published, says the Overseas News Agency, declaring that the peace offer made by the Central Powers is based naturally on a programme of concerted peace considerations. These conditions, the resolution continued, are unknown, but it considers it evident that no negotiations will be carried in order to obtain "peace at any price, but the conditions planned should guarantee a peace which will safeguard Germany's future."

DREDGE EMPLOYE DROWNED

Allan Hewett Went to His Death When Small Boat Was Upset by Cable Near Ft. Anderson Yesterday.

Allan Hewett, a young white man about 21 years of age, employed as deck hand on the government dredge Henry Bacon, was drowned about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, off Ft. Anderson, about 15 miles south of Wilmington.

According to information available last night, Hewett and another employe of the dredge were in a small boat some distance from the dredge engaged in straightening out the cable used to swing the dredge. In some manner the cable upset the boat and spilled both men in the water, Hewett seized the oars when he came up while his companion clung to the boat.

A small launch used on the dredge was sent to the rescue of the imperiled men, but just before it reached it reached Hewett he released his grip on the oars and sank into the water. His companion was rescued. The body of the drowned man was recovered about an hour and a half later, and was taken on the dredge tender to Southport, and later to his home at Shallotte.

SERMON FOR BROTHERHOODS

Dr. Hurt to Preach to Railway Men at First Baptist Church.

Dr. J. J. Hurt, pastor, will preach especially for the members of the railroad brotherhoods at the morning service at the First Baptist church tomorrow, it was announced yesterday. Special seats will be reserved in front for the visitors, to whom a hearty welcome is promised.

PLANS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Victoria Theatre Ends Career as Vaudeville House Tonight—Royal Will Reopen Monday Afternoon

When the curtain falls on the second performance of the Casino Girls tonight, the Victoria Theatre will pass into history as a vaudeville playhouse.

This announcement was made yesterday afternoon by Mr. P. W. Wells, president of the Howard & Wells Amusement Company, owners of the theatre, following their purchase of the McIlhenny property on Second street, immediately adjoining the Victoria property.

Mr. Wells stated that it was the intention of the company to begin some improvements in the building at once. An additional dressing-room is to be erected, and a new heating arrangement installed. Later, probably by next summer, the building will be greatly enlarged so that it will have double its present seating capacity.

Beginning Monday afternoon with a matinee, all future vaudeville attractions will appear at the Royal Theatre on Front street. Long's Triangle Girls will be the initial troupe to perform in the Royal as a vaudeville house.

For the present the Victoria will be used for staging feature films, and the opening offering will be a picture reproduction of the series for the world's base ball championship, which will be presented on Wednesday December 27. This will be followed on the 29th by "Joseph and His Brethren". "War's Women" will appear for two days beginning with New Year's Day.

The Company's lease on the Academy of Music still has some two years to run, and will still be used for the presentation of the better class of musical comedies, operas, and dramatic productions that visit the city. "The Birth of A Nation" will play a return engagement at the Academy on Christmas day and the day following.

The Bijou and Grand, the remaining two playhouses belonging to the Amusement Company, will continue to be used as strictly picture theatres. The Royal, long the home of feature films, and which now becomes the home of vaudeville, has for the past three weeks been undergoing a process of reconstruction and repairs, that will leave it an up-to-date theatre in every respect.

BOYS ACCUSED OF LARCENY

Alleged to Have Entered and Robbed Beery's Store.

Armed with a warrant calling for the arrest of Frank Caime and James Mason, charged with the larceny of fireworks from the store of W. B. Beery on Castle street, Plainclothesman D. W. Coleman went forth yesterday afternoon determined to track the "desperadoes" to their lair.

Arriving at the scene of the crime, which was alleged to have taken place shortly before noon, the officer after diligent inquiries finally had the location of the suspected miscreants pointed out to him. Shifting his gun to a convenient pocket and buttoning his coat so as to be ready for a stiff battle in case the objects of his search offered some resistance, the doughty officer went to the point indicated and saw—two wee mites of humanity just big enough to wear trousers.

Mr. Caime and Mr. Mason were in the hands of the law.

With the prisoners in his hands without the loss of life or limb, another question arose to cause the officer worry. Would be call for the patrol wagon, and ride the tiny culprits to the station or would be drop them in his overcoat pockets, and take a trolley. He had almost decided to try the latter stunt, when he suddenly remembered that his gun was in his right hand pocket, and if he put one of the kidlets in there he might get lodged in the cylinder or muzzle of the gun, and cause trouble, so he finally summoned the patrol.

When the big wagon arrived, the boys were bundled into its gloomy recesses, the space between the bars stopped up with the officer's handkerchief to keep the prisoners from falling out, and the return trip was made. They will face Recorder Harriss in the Juvenile court this afternoon.

CHRISTMAS NUMBER OUT

Yuletide Number of "The War Cry" Is Handsomely Designed

The Christmas number of the War Cry, the official organ of the Salvation Army in the United States, made its appearance in Wilmington yesterday. It is gotten out in an artistic manner and from a typographical standpoint could hardly be improved on.

The cover design represents "The Holy Night", and is from a painting by A. Grass, the border and background being formed by holly leaves, and the usual Christmas decorations. The interior is also attractively made up, and contains a number of pictures in colors. The reading matter is for the most part Christmas stories, but they all have a religious touch to their themes. Adjutant Yates of the local post has a number of these magazines on hand, having secured an extra supply for Christmas.

CANCELS ENGAGEMENT

Illness of Actress Will Prevent "Maid to Order" From Coming.

Mr. George W. Bailey, manager of the Academy of Music, received a telegram yesterday announcing that the music comedy company, "Maid to Order," which was scheduled to give two performances at the Academy of Music this afternoon and evening, will be unable to fill their engagement owing to the illness of the leading lady and the inability of the company to secure a competent substitute.

This show has been advertised as one of the niftiest attractions that has visited Wilmington this season, and the news that it has canceled its engagement here will be a keen disappointment to local theatre-goers.

CALLED TO LINCOLNTON

Mrs. John Hall Goes to Attend Funeral of Brother

News was received in Wilmington yesterday of the death of Mr. Michael Hoke, brother of Mrs. John Hall, of this city, which occurred at his home in Lincolnton Thursday night. Mrs. Hall left yesterday afternoon to attend the funeral.

Never Employed Smith.

In a note to The Star, Mr. W. M. Sneeden states that the "Smith" mentioned in the testimony of Mr. W. E. Chadwick, at the City Council hearing Thursday night, has never been in his employ.

Christmas Gifts

That are Appreciated by the Recipient and Show the Thoughtfulness of the Donor.

A DIME SAVINGS BANK

Which We Will Give You, and You Can Place Therein One or Several Small Coins.

A NEW GOLD COIN

Placed in a Neat, Small Coin Holder, and Sent With Your Christmas Wishes.

These are Real Christmas presents, and we suggest them to you. Our bank Always Provides a large supply of New Currency, Gold and Silver, for its friends, during the Christmas season and will be pleased to serve you.

"OLD AND STRONG."

THE PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK

COR. FRONT AND PRINCESS STS.

NEW MONEY FOR XMAS.

GOLD SILVER CURRENCY

As Has Been Our Custom for Many Years Past, We Have Laid in a Supply of New Money for the Christmas Needs of Our Customers.

It Will Be Our Pleasure To Serve You

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Company

110 Princess Street

Oldest and Largest North Carolina Savings Bank

SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICE

A. C. L. To Run Holiday Trains Between Wilmington and Chadbourn

It was announced by the passenger traffic department of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad yesterday that, in order to accomodate the Christmas travel, special trains will be operated between Chadbourn and Wilmington on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week. Connections will be made to and from Conway with trains Nos. 92 and 93.

The special will leave Chadbourn at 7:20 a. m. and arrive in Wilmington at 9:15. Returning it will leave Wilmington at 6:20 p. m. and will arrive at Chadbourn at 8:15 p. m. This arrangement will undoubtably prove immensely popular with out-of-town people who come to Wilmington to do their Christmas shopping. By this schedule they will be enabled to spend practically the entire day in Wilmington.

REAL WINTER WEATHER

Temperature Dropped 17 Degrees in Two Hours Yesterday

With snow falling in Richmond, Washington and Lynchburg, and even as far south as Nashville and Asheville yesterday, Wilmington got its first dose of real winter weather, when the chilling blasts as if fresh from these snow banks blew across the city at a high velocity.

From 11 o'clock to 1, the temperature in this city dropped 17 degrees. At 11 o'clock it was hovering around 62, by noon it had meandered down as far as 54 and at 1 was exploring the regions around 45. According to predictions made yesterday at the local office of the Weather Bureau, the temperature today will be lower, but will be accompanied by fair weather instead of the lowering clouds that enshrouded the city yesterday.

CALOMEL WHEN BILIOUS? NO! STOP! MAKES YOU SICK AND SALIVATES

"Dodson's Liver Tone" Is Harmless To Clean Your Sluggish Liver and Bowels.

Ugh! Calomel makes you sick. It's horrible! Take a dose of the dangerous drug tonight and tomorrow you may lose a day's work.

Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel, when it comes into contact with sour bile crashes into it, breaking it up. This is when you feel that awful nausea and cramping. If you are sluggish and "all knocked out," if your liver is torpid and bowels constipated or you have headache, dizziness, coated tongue, if breath is bad or stomach sour, just try a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone tonight on my guarantee.

Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store and get a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone. Take a spoonful and if it doesn't straighten you right up and make you feel fine and vigorous I want you to go back to the store and get your money. Dodson's Liver Tone is destroying the sale of calomel because it is real liver medicine; entirely vegetable, therefore it can not salivate or make you sick.

I guarantee that one spoonful of Dodson's Liver Tone will put your sluggish liver to work and clean your bowels of that sour bile and constipated waste which is clogging your system and making you feel miserable. I guarantee that a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone will keep your entire family feeling fine for months. Give it to your children. It is harmless; doesn't gripe and they like its pleasant taste.

How About That

EVENING DRESS

For the Holiday Occasions

It is not too late yet, but may be next week.

All our Party and Evening Dresses have been materially reduced and this low price is rapidly depleting the stock.

See them today.

Glove Silk Underwears

Just the kind of Underwear you will want during this festive season. Made from Glove Silk Fabric in White or Pink and is quality throughout.

Corset Covers	98¢ to $1.69
Envelope Chemise	$2.95 to $4.95
Vest	$1.48 to $2.25
Bloomers	$1.98 to $2.95
Union Suits, cotton knit body, with glove silk top, white and flesh; all sizes, at	$1.25

BELK-WILLIAMS COMP'Y

SOCIAL

Four hundred and ninety-eight Red Cross seals were disposed of yesterday by members of the local chapter of the Red Cross Society. Mrs. A. G. Ricaud will be chaperone for today.

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Adjutant Yates, in charge of the local post of the Salvation Army, announced last night that, through the generosity of a citizen of Wilmington, the Army would be able to serve hot coffee and rolls to all who attend their services at the headquarters hall near Front and Dock streets tonight.

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ALL IN READINESS FOR GOLF TOURNEY THIS AFTERNOON

An unuual amount of interest is being manifested in the leap-year mixed foursome golf tournament that will be held on the links of the Cape Fear Country Club beginning at 2:15 this afternoon.

The course will be for nine holes only, as it was deemed best not to attempt to play 18 holes on account of the shortness of the afternoon. All indications point to a crowded course when the tournament begins.

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MISS LOUISE FINLEY BRIDE OF MR. PATRICK M. WILLIAMS

North Wilkesboro, N. C., Dec. 15.—The First Presbyterian church of North Wilkesboro was the scene of a brilliant wedding yesterday at 12:45, when Miss Louise Finley became the bride of Mr. Patrick Murphy Williams, of Wallace, N. C.

Promptly at the hour, Mrs. F. Gwyn Harper sang "O Perfect Love" and immediately following this Miss Ethel Clements and Miss Ellen Robinson sang a duet arrangement of the "Serenade" by Schubert. Then Mrs. Raymond Chatham, of Elkin, sang "Beloved, it is Morn." The impressive strains of the Wedding March from Lohengrin then filled the church, rendered by Mrs. Carelton M. Schoonover, of Charlotte, and rose petals began falling in the path of the bridal party, being strewn by little Misses Julia Finley and Louise Ward, of Wallace, N. C.

In the bridal procession was Miss Nell Gwyn, of Elkin, and Miss Ruth Williams, of Wallace, both wearing gowns of pink and silver and carrying bouquets of queen pink killarney roses; Mr. Lucius Stacy and Mr. Richard Finley, of North Wilkesboro, groomsmen, and the maid of honor, Miss Elizabeth Pilson, gowned in white, carrying a huge bouquet of queen pink Killarney roses; the dame of honor, Mrs. Edward G. Finley, gowned in a white lace dress over pink messaline with pink roses.

As the bride approached, dressed in a handsome gown of duchess satin trimmed in real lace and pearls and a bridal veil caught up with orange blossoms in Juliette style, and carrying a bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley, on the arm of her father, Mr. J. E. Finley, who gave her in marriage, she was met at the altar by the groom, and his best man, Rev. Murphy Williams, of Greensboro.

While Mrs. Schoonover rendered softly "The Sweetest Story Ever Told," Rev. C. W. Robinson, the pastor of the bride, officiated, using the ring ceremony. After the ceremony, the bridal party left the church to the strains of the Wedding March by Mendelssohn as a recessional.

The church was decorated with evergreens, white narcissus and cut flowers, and presented a lovely setting for the ceremony.

Immediately after the wedding, an informal reception was tendered the bridal party at the home of the bride. Here the decorations of the home made a pleasing picture. Southern smilax and white roses were used in the parlor and reception hall. The guests were received by Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Gwyn and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Finley, and invited to the library, which was decorated in Christmas decorations of poinsettia and holly. In the receiving line were Mr. J. E. Finley, Mrs. Thos. L. Lillard, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Williams, and the other members of the bridal party. Mrs. Charles S. Smoot, 3rd., received in the dining room, which was prettily decorated with pink roses, and a dainty salad course was served by Miss Grace Finley, Miss Corinne Clements, Miss Inez Honrine, Miss Lura Finley and Miss Elizabeth Finley. Miss Alicia Quinlan, of Waynesville, served frozen punch, assisted by Miss Louise Horton and Miss Bess Gordon Finley. Bonbons in the form of pink roses were served by little Misses Kate Finley and Nell Gwyn.

The out-of-town guests here for the wedding were: Mrs. C. J. Williams, Jr., of Jacksonville, Fla.; Mrs. George Ward and daughter, Miss Louise Ward, and Miss Ruth Williams, of Wallace; Miss Alicia Quinlan, of Waynesville, and Miss Nell Gwyn, Mrs. Raymond Chatham, Mr. Raymond Chatham, Miss Hallie Smith, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Smith, Mr. Paul P. Gwyn and Mr. Grover Graham, of Elkin; Mrs. T. J. Lillard and Mrs. C. M. Schoonover, of Charlotte. Mr. William Emerson, who was to have acted as the best man, was detained in Wilmington by illness.

The bride and groom left at 2:30 for a honeymoon trip to Washington, D. C., and various other points of interest in the North.

Mrs. Williams is a leader in the social life of North Wilkesboro and Mr. Williams is a prominent young business man from the eastern part of the State. After the honeymoon they will be at home in North Wilkesboro.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at the Orton yesterday were: J. D. Beaty, Faison; J. J. Best, Burgaw; E. F. Lewis, Whiteville; J. G. Bussell, Raleigh.

—Capt. O. W. Lockamy, accompanied by his son, Beverly, and Dr. Arnold Stovall, left last night for Philadelphia where Captain Lockamy will undergo treatment at the Med Chi Hospital.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at the Wilmington yesterday were: N. E. Bradford, Goldsboro; J. A. Feter, Charlotte; J. B. McGurley, A. H. Jackson, Henry Whitey, Fort Caswell; W. G. LeFerne, Charlotte.

COURT SINGERS PLEASE.

Delighted Audience at St. Andrew's Last Night.

The Hampton Court Singers, with a delightful repertoire of English folksongs of four centuries ago, charmed a fair sized audience at St. Andrew's church last night. The performers were in the costume of the time of King Henry VIII. They concluded their performance with an Irish monologue introducing a beautiful love story of the Emerald Isle. They were repeatedly encorced by the enthusiastic audience.

SEEKS BASKETBALL TITLE

Local High School Lads Are in the Race for High School Honors With Other Teams List of Regulations

The Wilmington High school basketball team is in the race for the State inter-scholastic championship, and intend to let some other contenders feel their mettle, according to an announcement made by Principal Malcolm Little last night.

Mr. Little says that the local boys are rapidly rounding into form and will be worthy foemen for any of their rivals. Since the disbandment of the football team, the boys have been devoting all their surplus athletic energies toward basketball. Following are the regulations covering the high school championship:

1. For the year 1917 the contest shall be open only to North Carolina public high schools, city and rural.

2. Any basketball team representing a high school, city or rural, that shall have played and won up to and including February 17th, 1917, as many as three games from teams representing schools of similar rank and shall have lost none, shall be eligible to enter the championship series, provided the manager shall by February 19th notify the committee of his desire to enter the contest and shall send a record of the games played.

3. To be eligible for a place on a team a player must be a bona fide student of the school which he represents. To be a bona fide student he must be in regular attendance at the time of any game in which he participates and he must have been in regular attendance for at least thirty per cent of the school year up to the time of any game in which he participates, and he must have made passing grades on a majority of his studies.

4. No post-graduate of a school—that is, no student who has already finished a standard four year high school course as outlined by the State department of education, shall be eligible to play on the teams.

5. No teacher, professional athelete or former college player shall be allowed to take part in the games under any circumstances.

6. If one or more ineligible players are used by a team during a game, then that game shall be forfeited to the opposing team.

7. Immediately after February 19th, the committee in consultation with the different managers and coaches will arrange the games of the championship series for the purpose of selecting through a process of elimination two teams which shall come to Chapel Hill for the final State championship game, the date for this to be settled by the committee.

8. The committee will pay one-half the railway fare both ways and will provide entertainment at Chapel Hill for the two teams which shall be selected to play the championship game.

9. No two teams can ordinarily play more than two games with one another. In the event that a third game is desired, the committee will have to be notified and pass on the amtter.

10. Any protest shall be made direct to the committee. If it seems necessary for protests to be made, it is urged that the manager of the team making the protest shall, where possible, notify the committee at Chapel Hill and the manager of the opposing team of the protest before the game has been played.

11. In the event that a team has played a hard schedule, the committee reserves the right to waive the letter of the requirement in rule 2, if after carefully reviewing its record such a course seems wise, and allow it to enter the contest, provided it shall have won 75 per cent of the games played.

12. The committee further reserves the right to permit a team having less than a record of 75 per cent victories to enter the championship series, should such a course, after having been carefully considered, seem right and proper to the committee.

13. In case it appears that some team has deliberately cancelled a scheduled game with another team or has deliberately avoided meeting a rival team, the committee reserves the privilege of dealing with the situation as it thinks best.

14. The games shall be played under the rules as laid down by the International Basketball Committee.

15. The committee at the University is composed of N. W. Walker, Chairman; E. R. Rankin, Secretary; T. J. Campbell, Howell Peacock, and Ray Armstrong.

LOCAL DOTS.

—United States District Attorney J. O. Carr left Thursday night for Washington, D. C., on official business.

—Col. Walker Taylor, collector of customs, left Thursday night for Washington, D. C., on business connected with his office.

—The basketball games at the Y. M. C. A. were postponed last night on account of the bursting of a water pipe connected with the gymnasium. The games will be played the latter part of next week.

—The Star has with the compliments of Mr. C. D. Gilbert, general commission merchant, 212 Market street, a very handsome calendar for the New Year. The art design, "Apple Blossoms," is very attractive and pleasing.

—Only one lone defendant who is alleged to have looked upon the wine when it was red and who had consequently became too hilarious to preserve the peace appeared in the Recorder's court at yesterday morning's session.

—"Judge" G. W. Bornemann has accepted an invitation to entertain the local Boy Scouts at the Y. M. C. A. tonight with songs and music. The "Judge" says that he will present a handsome gold watch chain with a golden cross to the Scout who presents the cleanest and neatest appearance tonight.

—One of the most unique and at the same time useful novelties that has been seen around the local postoffice in some time is a parcel post indicator received by Postmaster H. McL. Green a few days ago. This little instrument by simply turning a tiny nob indicates the correct postage to be placed on any parcel for any zone.

Chippewa Sails Monday.

The local offices of the Clyde Line announced yesterday that the Chippewa will sail from New York Monday in place of the Cherokee. This will give Wilmington patrons of the company ample time to get their Christmas goods on this boat, it is pointed out.

SUPERIOR COURT ADJOURNS

Judge Connor Attacks Charges Made in Case for Nursing and Food for Defendant as Unreasonable.

The present term of Superior Court which has been in session for the past two weeks with Judge G. W. Connor, of Wilson, presiding, was adjourned yesterday afternoon shortly after 5 o'clock.

At the morning session of court, a petition signed by practically all members of the Wilmington bar was presented to Judge Connor asking that if practicable he arrange an exchange of courts with Judge Bond and preside over the January term of Superior court here for the trial of civil causes instead of going to Bladen and adjoining counties. The request was based on the fact that at the January term a number of important receivership cases with which Judge Connor is familiar will come up for trial. Judge Connor stated that he would try to arrange the exchange of courts with Judge Bond.

A Novel Case.

The importance of employing counsel before a judgment is returned against you as well as paying close attention to actions which are initiated in the courts against you, would seem to be the moral of the case of Lewis T. Allen against E. A. Chadwick, in which Judge Connor was asked by the defendant to set aside a verdict against him for $500 heretofore entered and in which he failed to put up any defense in court at the time it was rendered. It was shown that the defendant was given notice by the plaintiff of the suit against him, and either did not receive or at least failed to pay any attention to the various papers sent him by mail informing him of the institution of the suit.

Judge Connor announced that he would draw up a statement of the facts in the case, so that if counsel for the defense desired it, it might be reviewed in the Supreme Court. At the same time he held that the defendant knew or ought to have known that the suit was pending.

Attacks Charges.

Although Judge Connor declined as a matter of law to set the verdict aside on the ground that the defendant received all the notice required by law, he declared that it appeared to him a disgrace to the administration of law for a man to have to pay out $500 on the state af facts shown in the complaint just on the face of the thing.

Judge Connor read extracts from the complaint filed in the case and attacked the charges made by the plaintiff for nursing and food while ill as unreasonable.

The complaint alleged that the defendant Chadwick contracted with the plaintiff and his wife for board and lodging at their home in Brooklyn for the sum of $12 per month and one dollar additional for laundry work, and that Chadwick resided with them from April 1, 1913, to September 15, 1914; that the plaintiffs in addition to furnishing board and lodging continually nursed the defendant on eight or nine different occasions when the defendant was in an almost helpless condition from being intoxicated and that each of these periods lasted about four weeks or an aggregate of 36 weeks; that the plaintiffs continually nursed the defendant and furnished him special foods and that such care and food was reasonably worth $320; that during the spring and summer of 1914 the defendant was ill for six weeks with pellagra and was nursed and cared for and furnished special food which was reasonably worth $60; that the defendant's horses were stabled and cared for, which service was worth $4 a month; that his two vehicles were housed also for 12 months and this was worth $5 a month.

It was also alleged that the defendant was a man of considerable wealth and possessed valuable real estate, while the defendants were poor. Wherefore judgment in the sum of $500 was prayed.

Mr. L. Clayton Grant appeared for the defendant, while McClammy & Burgwin appeared for the plaintiff yesterday, although they did not draw the original complaints.

DR. M'CLURE THE SPEAKER

To Deliver Sermon to Knights Templars Sunday Morning.

Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., will on Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service preach the annual sermon to the Plantagenent Commandery, Knights Templars, the members of which will assemble and attend in full regalia. Captain-General James H. Taylor will be in command of the Sir Knights and Commandery.

SUNDAY SERVICES

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., pastor—Sabbath school in the morning at 9:45. Preaching at 11 and in the evening at 8. Junior Christian Endeavor at 3:30. Intermediate and Senior Christian Endeavor in the evening at 7:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8. Seats free. All are welcome.

Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian church, East Wilmington, Rev. W. H. Koelling, pastor,—Sabbath school in the morning at 10:30. Preaching at 11:15. Christian Endeavor at 7:30 in the evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. A cordial invitation to all services.

Harnett street Mission, Eighth and Harnett streets, Rev. W. M. Baker, evangelist in charge.—Sabbath school at 9:30 in the morning. Preaching each second and fourth Sabbaths at 7:30 in the evening.

Winter Park Presbyterian church, Rev. Andrew J. Howell, pastor. Services Sabbath morning at 11, conducted by the pastor. Subject of the sermon, "The New Things of the City." Sunday school at 3:30 Midweek service Wednesday at 7:45. Visitors will be cordially welcomed at the services.

Delgado Presbyterian church. Services Sunday evening at 7:30, conducted by the pastor. Sunday school at 10:15. Midweek service Thursday evening at 7:30. The public heartily invited to attend the services.

St. John's Episcopal church, Rev. R. E. Gribbin, rector.—Sunday services, Holy Communion at 7:30. Morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock. Evening prayer and sermon at 8 o'clock. Sunday school at 4 o'clock. All welcome.

Photographs White Way.

Mr. Schilling, official photographer of the General Electric Co., of Schnectady, N. Y., spent yesterday in the city making photographs of Wilmington's new white way, for publication in The Electrical Journal, the official publication of the company.

T. C. M'COL CONVICTED

Found Guilty of Conspiracy to Defraud Government of Whiskey Tax.

Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 15.—Thomas C. McCoy, of Asheville, N. C., was convicted by a jury in the Federal district court here today of conspiracy to defraud the government of revenue tax on whiskey distilled at the Long Branch distillery here. The case was completed late today and the jury was out an hour and ten minutes returning a verdict. McCoy's attorneys informally gave notice of a petition for a new trial.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

FURTHER LOSS IN COTTON

Market Closes Barely Steady at Net Decline of 3 to 15 Points—Spot Middling at 18.00.

New York, Dec. 15.—Early declines were followed by sharp rallies in the cottop market today but the tone was generally unsettled, and advances were not maintained, with the close barely steady at a net loss of 3 to 15 points. After selling at 18.45 March advanced to 18.71 and closed at 18.54.

The opening was steady at a decline of 2 to 18 points with active months selling 14 to 20 points net lower right after the call. A quick bulge of 15 to 16 points met heavy Liverpool selling and the market worked off to 18.18 for January and 18.8s for May before the end of the morning. After the close of Liverpool offerings became less active and the decline of 19 to 23 points from last night's final figures was followed by sharp rallies early in the afternoon. Bullish Southern spot advices and renewed trade buying promoted the advance, January selling up to 18.43 and May to 18.90, or about 4 to 8 points net higher. The later reaction probably reflected realizing. Some of the wires received here from the South said there was an improved spot demand and there were rumors that part of the Liverpool selling was in the way of sedging purchases in the interior.

	Open	High	Low	Close
December	18.20	18.30	18.10	18.18
January	18.35	18.43	18.18	18.26
March	18.50	18.71	18.45	18.54
May	18.75	18.92	18.65	18.74
July	18.73	18.94	18.67	18.78
October	16.85	16.92	16.77	16.82

Spot steady; middling uplands 18.60; no sales.

PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling 18.00; receipts 6,947; sales 225; stock 466,406.

Galveston—Middling 18.25; receipts 10,725; exports 10,100; sales 561; stock 421,495.

Mobile—Middling 18.00; receipts 41; stock 14,954.

Savannah—Middling 19.75; receipts 1,798; stock 223,451.

Charleston—Middling 19.50; receipts 1,328; stock 74,709.

Wilmington—Receipts 530; stock 48,467.

Norfolk—Middling 17.75; receipts 1,515; sales 779; stock 114,092.

Baltimore—Receipts 661; stock 6,076.

Boston—Middling 18.30; receipts 1,435; stock 8,591.

Philadelphia—Middling 18.85; receipts 48; stock 1,025.

New York—Middling 18.60; receipts 95; exports 4,599; stock 143,338.

Minor Ports—Receipts 30,771; exports 27,564; stock 48,746.

Atlanta (weekly)—Stock 83,779.

Total today—Receipts 45,894; exports 42,263; stock 1,569,350.

Total for week—Receipts 225,865; exports 179,785.

Total for season—Receipts 4,553,277 exports 2,794,026.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middling 18.15; receipts 10,807; shipments 10,283; sales 1,110; stock 279,786.

Memphis—Middling 18.50; receipts 5,561; shipments 2,624; stock 299,075.

Augusta—Middling 18.38; receipts 2,222; shipments 583; sales 296; stock 146,286.

St. Louis—Receipts 625; shipments 856; stock 31,605.

Cincinnati—Receipts 1,869; shipments 2,967; stock 23,945.

Little Rock—Middling 19.00; receipts 531; shipments 820; sales 820; stock 24,439.

Dallas—Middling 17.85; sales 1,266.

Montgomery—Middling 18.00.

Total today—Receipts 21,715; shipments 17,633; stock 835,136.

CHESTER'S WEEKLY STATEMENT.

Comparisons are to actual dates, not to close of corresponding weeks. In thousands bales:

In sight for week, 453.

In sight same seven days last year, 502.

In sight for the month, 994.

In sight same date last year, 1,052.

In sight for season, 8,101.

In sight same date last year, 6,685.

Port receipts for season, 4,553.

Port receipts same date last year, 3,738.

Overland to mills and Canada for season, 767.

Overland same date last year, 513.

Southern mill takings for season, 1,920.

Southern mill takings same date last year, 1,533.

Interior stocks in excess of August 1st, 861.

Interior stocks last year, 911.

Foreign exports for week, 180.

Foreign exports same seven days last year, 161.

Foreign exports for season, 2,794.

Foreign exports same date yast year, 2,065.

Northern spinners' takings and Canada for week, 750.

Northern spinners' takings same seven days last year, 103.

Northern spinners' takings for season, 1,407.

Northern spinners takings to same date last year, 1,257.

Statement of World's Visible Supply

Total visible this week, 5,515.

Total visible last week, 5,416.

Total visible same date last year, 5,802.

Of this the total American this week, 4,469.

Total American last week, 4,384.

Total American last year, 4,512.

All other kinds this week, 1,046.

All other kinds last week, 1,032.

All other kinds last year, 1,290.

Visible in the United States this week 2,751.

Visible in the United States this date last year, 2,959.

Visible in other countries this week, 2,764.

Visible in other countries this date last year, 2,843.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Hogs weak, 5 to 10c advance over yesterday's average; bulk 9.50 to 10.10; light 9.25 to 10.00; mixed 9.55 to 10.20; heavy 9.65 to 10.25; rough 9.65 to 9.80; pigs 7.35 to 9.15.

Cattle—Steady; native beef cattle 7.00 to 11.75; season for holiday beeves virtually ended; Western steers 6.90 to 10.25; stockers and feeders 4.75 to 8.00; cows and heifers 3.85 to 10.10; calves 8.50 to 12.25.

Sheep—Weak; wethers 8.85 to 10.00; ewes 5.75 to 9.50; lambs 11.00 to 13.85.

WEEKLY COTTON SUMMARY

Severe Break Followed Government's Crop Estimate—Market Extremely Nervous and Unsettled.

New York, Dec. 15.—The cotton market has been extremely nervous and unsettled during the entire week. The selling movement, which started toward the end of November, culminated in a very severe break right after the publication of the government's estimate of 11,5111,000 bales Mondayq. Inside of five minutes after the official figures on this year's yield had been issued, active months sold off fully a cent a pound and before the close on Monday afternoon May contracts had declined to 17.80, or approximately $10 per bale under the high record of November 27. Liquidation then subsided and rallies were stimulated by bullish Southern spot advices and the announcement that Germany had undertaken peace negotiations. May sold up to the 19-cent level or about $6 a bale above Monday's low point, and closed tonight at 18.74 compared with 19.46 on the previous Friday. Uncertainty as to peace prpspects and the unsettled ruling of practically all other markets were naturally considered responsible for the feverish and irregular ruling of prices late in the week. Private cables have indicated rather a pessimistic view of peace prospects in the English trade and houses with Liverpool connections have been heavy sellers here on advances. In some quarters this selling has been attributed to hedging purchases in the South rather than to straddlers.

Southern spot advices have been generally bullish as to the attitude of interior holders, and toward the end of the week there were reports of an improved demand accompanied by the appearance of moderate buying orders around the local ring. The value of general business had tapered off during the last day or two as though traders were waiting for peace developments or a further test of the Southern spot markets.

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Str Kiel (Ger.), 2,872 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 15.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—53c.

ROSIN—$5.70 and $5.45.

TAR—$2.60-10½c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$4.00, $4.00 and $3.00.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 52¼c; rosni, $5.05 and $5.95; tar, $2.30-9c; crude turpentine, $3.75, $3.75, $2.75.

RECEIPTS:

Spirits Turpentine	3
Rosin	(—)
Tar	114
Crude Turpentine	11

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 10 casks; rosin, 264 barrels; tar, 229 barrels; crude turpentine, 37 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Nominal; same day last year, 11¼c.

Receipts—530 bales; same day last year 202 bales.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 71,165 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 132,317 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

Wilmington, Dec. 15, 1916.

Atlantic Coast Line—470 bales cotton; 3 casks spirits turpentine; 90 barrels tar; 8 barrels crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—60 bales cotton.

River—24 barrels tar; 3 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—530 bales cotton; 3 casks spirits turpentine; 114 barrels tar; 11 barrels crude turpentine.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 15.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, new, 50c to 55c. bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$1.40 to $1.50 per bu.

CORN—$2.10 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.

PORK—Small, 10c. to 12c. per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 20 to 22½; first class wool, 28 to 35; highest grade, washed wool, 35c.

SHEEP—Old, good quality, gross, 3 1-2 to 3c pound. Lambs, best quality, 6 to 7c pound.

HIDES—Green salt, 15c. to 16c.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 23 to 25c.; sides and shoulders, 18c. to 19c. per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX — Firm, 25c. per pound; good demand.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 20c. to 22½c. on foot; dressed, 25c. to 27½c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c to 50c; spring, 20c to 25c head.

EGGS—35c. to 36c. dozen.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 15.—North Carolina peanuts; new crop, farmers' stock, fancy handpicked, $1.07; No. 1, machine, $1.00 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 66c; fancy handpicked, 60c; No. 1 machine picked, 55c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.35; Jumbos, $1.20 per bushel.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 15.—Spanish—Farmers' stock: Market, weak. New stock, $1.30 per bu.

Virginias — Farmers' stock: Market steady.

New stock—Fancy Jumbo, 4 1-4c per lb.; Extra Prime, 3 3-4c per lb; Prime, 3 1-2c per lb; Shelling stock, 3c to 3 1-4c per lb.

ANOTHER SLUMP IN STOCKS

Yesterday's Test Most Severe of the Week—Prices Were Again Depressed By Peace Talk

New York, Dec. 15.—The stock market underwent its third and most severe test of the week today, further serious inroads being made upon the prices during the first half of the session on another enormous selling wave. In the later dealings, particularly in the final hour, a brisk rally occasioned in part by hurried short covering wiped out many losses and substituting some notable gains.

Peace talk overtures was again made the weapon with which to depress prices in the forenoon, though in well informed quarters this was regarded as secondary in actual importance to the congested and over extended bull position denoted in the dealings of the preceding week.

War shares and affiliated issues were again the center of attack, extreme losses of 5 to 10 points occurring in leading munitions, equipments, metals, papers, Central Leather, Distillers securities and Industrial Alcohol, while Bethlehem Steel was conspicuous for its gross decline of 47 1-2 points to 625.

United States Steel bore the brunt of the early pressure at an extreme concession of 4 1-2 to 109 1-8. Steel's contribution of the day's transactions was 600,000 shares, or about 25 per cent. of the total.

Except for moderate recessions in some of the grangers, rails offered stout resistance to the early weakness advancing 1 to 3 points with a steady demand for minor shares, particularly Southern Railway comomn and preferred, Rock Island, the Pacific and Coalers.

The somewhat conflicting government crop report seemed to exercise little influence despite the break in grains.

Bonds wre heavy. Total sales par value $3,160,000. United States coupon 4s rose 1-2 and Panama coupon 3s lost 1-8 on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis Chalmers	29
American Beet Sugar	98
American Can	51½
American Car & Foundry	68⅝
American Cotton Oil	50
American Locomotive	79⅛
American Smelting	108⅛
American Sugar	110⅞
American Tel. & Tel.	125¼
American Tobacco	215
American Zinc	48
Anaconda Copper	86¼
Atchison	103⅞
Atlantic Coast Line	121
Baldwin Locomotive	66¼
Baltimore & Ohio	84⅛
Bethlehem Steel ex div.	560
Canadian Pacific	166½
Central Leather	92⅛
Chesapeake & Ohio	65¾
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	92
Chicago, R. I. & Pac. Ry.	38⅜
Colorado Fuel & Iron	46½
Consolidated Gas	132⅜
Corn Products	22⅝
Crucible Steel	67½
Cuba Cane Sugar	52⅛
Erie	36
General Electric	172
Great Northern pfd	117½
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	40
Goodrich	67
Illinois Central	105
Inspiration Copper	58¼
Int. Mer. Marine pfd	103⅜
International Nickel	43
International Paper	42
Kansas City Southern	25½
Kennecott Copper, ex div.	47⅞
Lehigh Valley	79
Louisville & Nashville	132
Liggett & Myers	275
Lorillard Co., ex div.	225
Maxwell Motors	64½
Mexican Petroleum	98
National Lead	62
New York Central	105
N. Y., N. H. & Hartford	53⅜
Norfolk & Western	136½
Northern Pacific	110
Pennsylvania	56
Ray Consolidated Copper	27¼
Reading	107⅛
Republic Iron & Steel	79
Seaboard Air Line	16⅜
Seaboard Air Line pfd	38⅛
Sloss Shef. Steel & Iron	64⅝
Studebaker Corporation	115
Southern Pacific	97⅜
Southern Railway	34
Southern Railway pfd	69½
Tennessee Copper, no bid.	
Texas Company	193¼
Union Pacific	144½
United Fruit	154⅛
United States Rubber	64⅝
United States Steel	112⅛
United States Steel pfd	119
Utah Copper, ex div.	107
Virginia Caro. Chem.	45
Wabash pfd "B"	30⅝
Western Union	100¾
Westinghouse Electric	53¾
Missouri Pacific	34½

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 15.—Buying by the South and West as well as covering by local shorts on the more optimistic attitude towards peace talk served to lift cotton oil 23 to 33 points, but realizing sales reduced net gains to 16 to 28 points. Tenders, 400 barrels; total sales 23,400 barrels.

Closed firm: Spot 12.50 bid; December 12.43 to 12.65; January and February 12.40 to 12.44; March 12.36 to 12.37; April 12.44 to 12.47; May 12.45 to 12.46; June 12.46 to 12.55; July 12.51 to 12.54.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

New York, Dec. 15.—Mercantile paper 4 to 4¼. Sterling 60 day bills 4.71½; commercial 60 day bills on banks 4.71¾; commercial 60 day bills 4.71; demand 4.75½; cables 4.76 7-16. Bar silver 76¾; Mexican dollars 59¼. Government bonds steady; railroads bonds heavy. Time loans strong; 60 days 4½ to 4¾; 90 days 4¼ to 4¾; six months 4¼ to 4½. Call money strong, ruling rate 4 per cent.

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK.

New York, Dec. 15.—Beeves, steady; steers 7.00 to 10.85; bulls 5.00 to 7.75; cows 3.75 to 6.50; choice 7.00.

Calves—Firm; culls 8.00 to 8.50; barn yard calves 6.00 to 7.00; Indiana 7.00 to 9.00; yearlings 4.50 to 5.50.

Sheep and lambs—Quiet; sheep 5.50 to 8.50; culls 3.50 to 5.25; lambs 11.50 to 14.00; culls 9.00 to 11.00.

Hogs—Steady; light to heavy 10.00 to 10.30; pigs 9.00 to 10.00; roughs 9.00.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 16, 1916.

Meteorological data for the day ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 59 degrees; at 8 P. M., 38 degrees; maximum, 62 degrees; minimum 38 degrees; mean, 50 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .64 inch; rainfall for the month to date, .74 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. yesterday, 6.3 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Fair Saturday, continued cold; Sunday fair, warmer.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 16, 1916.

Sun rises .....7:11 A. M.
Sun sets .....5:05 P. M.
Day's length .....9 hrs. 54 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	2:07	2:29	9:15	10:02
Southport	12:03	11:57	6:16	6:50
Masonboro Inlet	11:52	11:46	5:56	6:30

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS
December 15, 1916.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 P. M.
Abilene	clear	56	20	.0
Asheville	clear	30	24	.0
Atlanta	clear	32	30	.12
Augusta	clear	44	34	.10
Baltimore	cldy	32	..	.28
Birmingham	clear	36	24	.06
Boston	snow	32	22	.48
Charleston	clear	60	42	.01
Charlotte	clear	40	28	.0
Chicago	clear	14	0	.0
Galveston	clear	48	32	.0
Jaxville	clear	66	56	.10
Memphis	clear	36	10	.0
Mobile	clear	44	24	.0
Montgomery	clear	38	32	.06
N. Orleans	clear	44	34	.12
New York	snow	32	22	.50
Palestine	clear	50	18	.0
Pittsburg	snow	24	18	.22
Raleigh	clear	36	30	.26
Savannah	clear	58	44	.06
Shreveport	clear	48	20	.0
St. Louis	clear	26	2	.0
Washington	cldy	32	28	.22

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

Wheat Values Thrown to the Winds on Reports Concerning Peace.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Reports regarding disarmament and peace threw wheat values today to the winds. Excited selling resulted in losses that just before the end of the day amounted to 13¼c a bushel. The close was wild at 1.54 to 1.55½ for May and 1.31⅜ to 1.32¼ for July, with the market as a whole 10 ¼ to 12⅝c under yesterday's finish. Corn showed a set-back of 1⅝ to 2⅛c and oats off 2⅝ to 3. Provisions wound up with gains of 15 to 42½c.

Grain and provisions closed:

Wheat—May 1.54; July 1.31⅜.

Corn—May 89; July 85½.

Oats—May 50½; July 48¼.

Pork—January 27.05; May 26.75.

Lard—January 16.30; May 16.80.

Ribs—January 14.00; May 14.37.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2 red, nominal; No. 3 red, nominal; No. 2 hard, nominal; No. 3 hard, nominal.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, nominal; No. 4 yellow 85¾ to 89½; No. 4 white 89¼ to 89¾.

DUN'S TRADE REVIEW.

New York, Dec 15.—Dun's Review tomorrow will say:

"The outstanding and most reassuring feature of the business situation as it has been for some time, is the increased caution manifest in banking, producing and distributing channels. Foreign developments have accentuated the tendency toward wholesome conservatism, without affecting the progress of finance, or lessening the volume of transactions in trade and industry and recent speculative readjustments have made the general outlook distinctly clearer. Prices, moreover, no longer are soaring in nearly all lines, though strength continues pronounced in many quarters and buyers, while operating with sustained confidence, give more consideration to the element of cost in making commitments for the future. Activity in some branches has subsided, as it invariably does at this season with salesmen coming in from the road for the holidays and annual inventories under way or in course of preparation.

"Weekly bank clearings, $5,677,186,387."

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 15.—Spot cotton steady; good middling 11.10; middling 11.00; low middling 10.84; sales 6,000 bales; 600 for speculation and export; receipts none.

Futures unsettled. December 10.71; December and January 10.70; January and February 10.74; February and March 10.80; March and April 10.87; April and May 10.92; May and June 10.97; June and July 10.95; July and August 10.94; August and September 10.86; September and October 10.26; October and November 10.12; November and December 10.04.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 15.—Cotton goods were steady today with the exception of a few lines of print cloths. Yarns were quieter and steadier. Wool markets were higher. Ready-to-wear lines were moderately active for spring and for winter resort trade.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Dec. 15.—Turpentine firm, 52¾c; sales 225; receipts 104; shipments 190; stock 23,260.

Rosin—Firm; sales 512; receipts 435; shipments 710; stock 91,473. Quote: A B C D E F G H, 6.20; I, 6.25; K, 6.35; M, 6.55; N, 6.90; WG, 7.05; WW, 7.25.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Dec. 15.—Raw sugar steady; centrifugal 5.27; molasses 4.40; refined dull.

Coffee—Spot firm; Rio 7s, 9⅛; Santos 4s, 10⅛.

W. C. LAFERTY SELECTED AS WASHINGTON & LEE COACH

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 15.—W. C. Laferty, director of athletics at Chick Spring Military Academy, Chick Springs, N. C., has been selected to coach the football, baseball and basket ball teams at Washington and Lee University for the 1917 season, according to information received here from Lexington, Va., today.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington, Effective Nov. 12, 1916. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 90 3:40 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91 1:15 A. M. Daily except Monday.
No. 51 5:30 A. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah; Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily.
No. 64 5:15 A. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65 6:15 P. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.
No. 48 8:00 A. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.**	No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily.
No. 52 8:45 A. M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 53 8:00 P. M. Daily.
No. 62 2:05 P. M. Daily.	Jacksonville, New Bern and intermediate stations.	No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily.
No. 55 3:45 P. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West, Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. **Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia,** which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M.	No. 54 12:50 P. M. Daily.
No. 59 6:30 P. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60 10:15 A. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.
No. 42 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager. T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4 1916.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

WEEK DAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter Park	Leave "Electric Centre" for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	.....	6:15 A.M.	6:26 A.M.
6:50 A.M.	6:50 A.M.	.....	7:40 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	8:01 A.M.
8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	.....	.....	8:30 A.M.	8:41 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:25 A.M.	9:36 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
1:10 P.M.	1:10 P.M.	*1:10 P.M.	11:45 P.M.	1:50 P.M.	2:01 P.M.
1:55 P.M.	1:56 P.M.	.....	.....	2:25 P.M.	2:36 P.M.
2:20 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	.....	.....	3:00 P.M.	3:11 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	.....	.....	3:50 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	.....	.....	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
4:10 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	4:30 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	.....	.....	5:10 P.M.
4:50 P.M.	.....	.....	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	17:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

*Does not go beyond Station No. 3 on Beach. ‡Leaves from Station No. 3.

SUNDAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "electric Center." for Winter Park	Leave "electric Center." for Wrightsville	Leave "electric Center." for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	17:05 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	7:26 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	9:05 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:26 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	.....	10:20 A.M.	10:31 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	1:45 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	2:06 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	2:45 P.M.	2:55 P.M.	3:06 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:15 P.M.	3:25 P.M.	3:36 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	3:30 P.M.	3:30 P.M.	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
4:00 P.M.	4:00 P.M.	4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	4:25 P.M.	4:36 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:45 P.M.	4:55 P.M.	5:06 P.M.
5:00 P.M.	5:00 P.M.	5:00 P.M.	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	5:45 P.M.	5:55 P.M.	6:06 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	17:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

*Does not go beyond Station No. 3 on Beach. ‡Leaves from Station No. 3.

FREIGHT SCHEDULE (DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.)

Leave Ninth and Orange Streets, 3:30 P. M.
Freight Depot Open from 2:30 to 3:30 P. M.

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S. S. Chippewa, Thursday, December 21
S. S. Chippewa ...Monday, January 1st

Wilmington to New York.

S. S. Chippewa...Monday, December 25
S. S. Chippewa....Friday, January 5th
S. S. Chippewa DOES NOT carry passengers.

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DEPARTURE OF TRAINS FROM WILMINGTON:

No. 13—8:55 P. M.—Train for Charlotte and Intermediate Points. PULLMAN PARLOR CAR, WILMINGTON TO CHARLOTTE.

No. 19—5:00 A. M.—Train for Charlotte and Intermediate Points. SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND CHARLOTTE. Open at 10:00 P. M., for Passengers.

ARRIVAL OF TRAINS AT WILMINGTON:

No. 14—12:30 P. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. PULLMAN PARLOR CAR BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON.

No. 20—12:10 A. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON. PASSENGERS MAY REMAIN IN SLEEPER UNTIL 7:00 A. M.

For detailed information and reservations, call on City Ticket Agent, Orton Building. 'Phone 178.

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Charleston	$8.15
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Cincinnati	$27.95
Columbia	$8.05
Fayetteville	$3.75
Florence	$4.75
Fort Myers	$33.15
Jacksonville	$10.80
Memphis	$34.85
Miami	$37.50
Nashville	$27.75
New Bern	$3.06
New Orleans	$37.65
Norfolk	$9.95
Raleigh	$5.65
Richmond	$10.15
Rocky Mount	$5.35
St. Augustine	$21.65
St. Louis	$37.10
St. Petersburg	$20.10
Savannah	$12.75
Sumter	$6.25
Tampa	$20.10
Washington	$15.75

And proportionate excursion fares to nearly every point in the southeast. Tickets will be sold Dec. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25, limited returning until January 10, 1917.

$47.65—Havana, Cuba.

Account Christmas and New Year Holiday Excursion. Tickets, including meals and berth on steamship, will be sold Thursday, Dec. 21, limited returning until Jan. 7.

$38.10—New Orleans, La.

Account Annual Meeting Western Fruit Jobbers' Association. Tickets will be sold Jan. 27 and 28, limited Feb. 5.

Proportionate Fares from Other Points on the ATANTIC COAST LINE, "The Standard Railroad of the South."

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SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY

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MEMPHIS, TENN	$34.85
NASHVILLE

WARNING IS ISSUED TO SPOT COTTON HOLDERS

By Former President E. W. Dabbs, of S. C. Farmers' Union

Says Middling Uplands Should Sell for 30 Cents to Enable the Growers to Break Even at High Prices of Other Commodities

(Special Star Telegram).

Mayesville, S. C., Dec. 15.—"Do not let manipulators scare you into selling" is the warning admonition "to holders of spot cotton" contained in a statement wired to the press of the Carolinas this afternoon by E. W. Dabbs, former president of the South Carolina Farmers' Union. The statement, which bears the signature of Mr. Dabbs, is as follows:

"To holders of spot cotton: Do not let manipulators of futures scare you into selling. I have it from the best informed of the cotton trade that mills have sold far ahead on a basis of much higher prices; that after the holidays there will be a scramble for cotton to fill orders. Mills cannot spin contracts; they must have actual cotton. You hold the key to prices. Will you lock the door while cotton is yours?

"The world is on the wildest inflated paper basis of history. Will you sell your cotton for a depreciated currency at prices that do not put it on a parity with what you buy? Middling uplands should sell for thirty cents to enable you to break even. Do not worry over threats of embargoes nor investigations by Congress. This is merely a play to consumers and part of the game.

"The world is bursting with money. Will cotton farmers secure their share?"

POSSIBILITY OF EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS

Will be Called if Railroad Bills Are Not Disposed of

Joint Committee Decides to Ask Year's Extension of Life of Present Congress—No Compulsory Arbitration Proposed

Washington, Dec. 15.—Chairman Newlands, of the Senate Interstate Commerce committee and of the joint congressional committee investigating railroad problems, announced tonight that if Congress could not find time at this session to pass railroad bills suggested by the President, the subject should be dealt with at an extra session of Congress. The Senator also stated that the joint investigating committee had determined to ask Congress to extend its life until January 1, 1918, to ask for the retention on the recommendation of Representative Cullop, of Indiana, who leaves Congress March 4 and to seek an increase in the appropriation for expenses from $24,000 to $40,000. The joint committee decided to ask a years extension because the time of the present session is so limited.

Referring to pending railroad bills which provide for investigation of railroad disputes and would empower the President to take over the railroads, telephone and telegraph lines in time of military necessity, Senator Newlands declared they should be acted on as soon as possible.

"I observe that there is a tendency to refer to the measure recommended by the President as a compulsory arbitration bill", said Mr. Newlands. "This is a misnomer and should be corrected. No measure for compulsory arbitration is proposed.

"The legislation desired is an amendment to the mediation and conciliation act providing that where mediation and conciliation have failed there shall be an investigation of the facts by a government commission appointed by the President, instructed to report within ninety days, accompanied by a stay of the power of strike or lockout during the period of investigation and for 30 days thereafter."

WASHINGTON REGARDS IT AS UNWORTHY OF CONSIDERATION

Washington, Dec. 15—Any suggestion of an agreement between the American government and Villa is regarded by administration officials as unworthy of consideration.

No official report of Villa's alleged proposal that an agreement under the terms of which he would cease killing Americans, and order stopped the destruction of American property, had reached the State Department today and some doubt was expresed that he had made such overtures.

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KAISER TELLS TROOPS OF PEACE PROPOSALS

Press Dispatch Tells of Address Recently In Alsace

Emperor Said it Was For the Enemy to Decide Whether War Shall End or Continue—Spoke Wrathfully of the Rumanians.

London, Dec. 15.—"Confident that we are completely the victors, I, yesterday, made a proposal to the enemy to discuss the question of further war or peace," said the German emperor in addressing the troops in Alsace recently, according to a dispatch published in the Cologne Gazette, says a Reuter's dispatch from Amsterdam.

"What will come of it, I do not yet know," the emperor is reporte ' to have continued. "It is a matter for the enemy now to decide if the fighting is still to go on. If the enemy still thinks he has not had enough, then I know you will"—here the emperor, says the correspondent, made a "war-like gesture," which "produced a fierce smile on the faces of all his men."

The newspaper dispatch describes how the troops were drawn up in parade order, a number of aeroplanes being in readiness to ward off a possible air attack. The emperor was accompanied by the crown prince and General von Guendell, the commander of the army group. After inspecting the troops the emperor made a speech thanking them for protecting that region.

The steadfastness of the troops in the, he said, the dispatch continues, had made it possible to deal destructive blows in the east. He spoke, the correspondent relates, in "words most wrathful in contempt of that people in the east which had thought to stick a dagger in the back of our ally."

The judgment of God had fallen on them, the emperor declared, in the campaign which had been conducted according to the brilliant plans of Field Marshal von Hindenburg. The emperor added: "The old God of battles directed. We were his instruments and we are proud of it."

Afterward, the correspondent states, the emperor talked to the officers for a half hour on the Rumanian campaign, which he is said to have described as "the irony of fate," which had permitted the corn purchased by the English to fall into German hands.

"The English," the correspondent quotes the emperor as saying, "paid for it. We eat it and this has been called a war of starvation!"

MAY SETTLE RAILROAD DISPUTE OUT OF COURT

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chambers of the operating departments of the railroads favor something satisfactory to both sides and they have discussed it with us. I left them only Wednesday night in New York and will be back there very soon. We hope to work it out. We know that if we don't work it out for ourselves, the employes and the employers, or somebody is going to work it out for us, and it will not be acceptable to either side.

"We know that for 25 years these organizations have dealt across the table in the most friendly spirit, and we believe there is sufficient intelligence on both sides of the table to enable us to get together, manlike, and thresh these things out and reach middle ground."

Mr. Lee predicted that if the present negotiations come to a successful end the disputes between the railroads and employes will be taken out of politics by the establishment of some kind of a Federal commission to take the place of the present Board of Mediation and Conciliation.

BRIAIN TO AWAIT THE OFFICIAL TEXT

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ourselves, had on oath sworn to maintain.

"The people of this country are prepared to accept peace today as in August, 1914, provided that peace is both just and permanent. Indemnity for the past is not enough unless we have guarantees for the future and guarantees for the future are not without reparation for all Belgium, France, Serbia and Poland have suffered.

"The peace into which we enter must contain guarantees for its own duration. Germany, may have such a peace if she furnishes us with proofs of her good intention. But if her present overtures are only pretense and if it is shown that she is merely arranging an armistice to obtain a breathing space that will furnish her the opportunity to lay fresh plans of aggression, then, I say, whatever may be the tempation to the people of these islands, we must set our faces like the steel you work upon against the proposals."

BACK TO THE SOUTH

Negroes Who Left Finding North no Place for the "Culled" Man

(Special Star Correspondence)

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 15.—Some months ago scores of negroes from New Bern and James City, the latter place being just across Trent river from New Bern, allowed themselves to be fooled into the belief that fame and fortune awaited them in the North and hied themselves to that section at the request of "agents" of large concerns there.

Now those negroes are returning home, footsore and weary and with a tale of woe a yard long. They claim that the North is no place for the "culled" man, that they get it in the neck on all sides and that never again will they venture above the Mason and Dixon line.

Many of those who went away haven't the money to return home and will doubtless have to remain where they are unless they start out to walk it and it's a long way from New Bern to that section.

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DECREE GIVEN IN MERRICK CASE

Judge Connor Awards Possession of $16,020 Property to Four Heirs-at-Law of Colored Miser.

Judge G. W. Connor at yesterday morning's session of Superior court signed the final decree in the famous $15,000 Sam Merrick estate case which has been in the court for some time under the official title of "Clara Merrick and others vs James Spells and others," and in answering the two questions of law presented to him and which were not decided by the jury's verdict at the October term of court when the case was tried, adjudged that Clara Merrick, Hannah Eagles, Priscilla Nutt and William Nutt are the lawful heirs of the deceased and entitled to the valuable estate of the colored miser, who accumulated an estate valued at several thousand dollars in the meat business here.

The judgment reads in part as follows:

"On motion for judgment continued by consent until the present term of court, it is decreed that the plaintiffs, Clara Merricw, a sister of the deceased, Sam Merrick, and the daughter of James and Elsie Merrick, and Hannah Eagles, Priscilla Nutt and William Nutt, as the children and heirs at law of their deceased mother, Dolly Nutt, also a sister of said Sam Merrick, are the sole heirs at law of Sam Merrick, are the owners of any entitled to possession of his estate, both real and personal, in proportion of one-half to the plaintiff, Clara Merrick, and one-sixth each to said Hannah Eagles, Priscilla and William Nutt."

The decree also directs that the receiver, Mr. W. M. Cumming, account for and turn over the rents and income for the estate less five per cent. allowed him on receipts and disbursements to the heirs named above; that the plaintiffs recover the costs of the action, that execution be issued by the sheriff to place the heirs in possession of the property.

In this case, A. G. Ricaud, Esq., and the firm of Abernathy & Davis, of New Bern, appeared for the plaintiffs, while John D. Bellamy & Son appeared for the defendant.

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plate plant. The delegation has decided that they will recommend Fayetteville and no other city in the State.

Dr. R. L. Kendrick has been appointed pension surgeon at Elizabeth City, N. C., on the recommendation of Congressman Small. P. R. A.

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